

Resolutions

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Introduction

1. Luke 16:4
2. Resolve means “expressing the definiteness of the steward realization, and his consequent determination of his course of action. He found the problem and solution
3. This is the time of year that we may know the problem and the solution but the solution is not always easy to implement.
4. There is a need for resolutions
 - a. A ship without a rudder is aimless and dangerous
 - b. An automobile without a driver is also aimless and dangerous
 - c. People without purpose are aimless and dangerous Proverbs 29:18
 - d. Illustration, kids in Memphis, snow- school- closed – home without parents
5. Let us offer some suggestions for resolution as we look forward to the New Year

II Discussion

1. Resolve to set time aside to study
 - a. God’s people were destroyed for a lack of knowledge Hosea 4:6
 - b. There was a famine in the land of hearing God’s Word Amos 8:11
 - c. There is the command for us to study 2 Timothy 2:15
 - d. Many plans to read and study God’s Word 1 year; 2 year; STUDY!
2. Resolve to grow
 - a. In faith
 - i. The apostles needed their faith increased Luke 17:5 What about us?
 - ii. Faith grows as we hear Romans 10:17; how much do we hear and what do we hear?
 - iii. Grow more in believing:
 1. God’s power Ephesians 1:18-19
 2. God’s providence Hebrews 13:5-6; Matthew 6:25-33
 - b. In the Christian graces 2 Peter 1:5-11
 - c. In the fruit of the Spirit Galatians 5:22-23
3. Resolve to pray more
 - a. We are to pray without ceasing 2 Thessalonians 5:17
 - b. We are to pray everywhere 1 Timothy 2:8
 - c. When we are afflicted, let us pray James 5:13
 - d. The prayer of a righteous man does much James 5:16
4. Resolve to give more
 - a. This all begins with knowing the grace of God 2 Corinthians 8:1-5
 - b. This is a planned action 2 Corinthians 9:7
 - c. It is more blessed to give than to receive Acts 20:35
 - i. Time, how much do you give?
 - ii. Talents, how much do you give?
 - iii. The law of sowing and reaping applies Galatians 6:7; Malachi 3:8-10
5. Resolve to remember the poor
 - a. The Lord knows what we are doing Proverbs 19:17
 - b. We are to visit the fatherless and widows James 1:27
6. Resolve to attend the services faithfully
 - a. It is a command Hebrews 10:21-25
 - b. Do we have the desire of David Psalm 27:7; 122:1
7. Resolve not to yield to temptation

- a. The prayer Matthew 6:13
- b. The escape 1 Corinthians 10:13
- c. The plan James 1:12-16; 4:7
- d. The desire 1 John 2:15-17

III Conclusion

1. Are you ready for the Judgment Day? What greater day are we to prepare for?
2. If not then resolve to obey God today.
3. If the problem is known determine now to solve it
4. Resolve to return to God

Source: Old sermon; Sermons and Charts by Hooks