

RESOLUTIONS

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Definition: Resolution (from Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary)

The act or process of resolving; the act of determining.

Something that is resolved; <made a resolution to mend my ways>.

Firmness of resolve.

Resolved to live with eternity in mind.

Col 3:1-2 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. (2Cor 5:17)

Resolved to put off the old.

Col 3:5-6 Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. 6 For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience (2Cor 5:17)

Resolved to put on the new.

Col 3:12-14 So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. 14 Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

Resolved to be thankful, to cultivate a heart of gratitude

Col 3:15-17 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

Resolved to read and meditate on the Scriptures.

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you

Resolved to spend time in worship and praise to God.

Col 3:16 ... singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Resolve to do all for the glory of Christ.

Col 3:17 Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus ...

Other's resolutions:

Read my Bible 20 minutes a day, every day (Eph 6:17).

Eph 6:17 And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray for at least 15 minutes every day (1Thes 5:17).

1Thes 5:17 pray without ceasing;

Join a Bible Study (2Tim 2:15).

2Tim 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

Fast one day each month (Mt 6:16-18).

Mt 6:16-18 "Whenever you fast, do not put on a gloomy face as the hypocrites do, for they neglect their appearance so that they will be noticed by men when they are fasting. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. 17 "But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face 18 so that your fasting will not be noticed by men, but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

Invite at least 2 people to church this year (Jn 1:41-42).

Jn 1:41-42 He found first his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which translated means Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you shall be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Volunteer to serve somewhere (Gal 5:13).

Gal 5:13 For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Practice generosity (2Cor 9:6-11).

2Cor 9:6-11 Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed; 9 as it is written, "HE SCATTERED ABROAD, HE GAVE TO THE POOR, HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER." 10 Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; 11 you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.

Read a certain number of Christian books this year.

Memorize Scripture each month (Ps 119:11).

Ps 119:11 Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You.

To overcome (face my fear of ...) fear (1Jn 4:18).

1Jn 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.

When and where I am resentful, I will practice forgiveness (Col 3:13).

Col 3:13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

Practice contentment (Phil 4:11-13).

Phil 4:11-12 Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. 12 I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. 13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

Refuse to gossip (1Tim 3:11).

1Tim 3:11 Women must likewise be dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things.

Stop Complaining (Jas 5:9).

Jas 5:9 Do not complain, brethren, against one another, so that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.

Do random acts of kindness (Gal 5:22).

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Jonathan Edward's Resolutions: (from Encyclopedia of 7700 Illustrations)

Jonathan Edwards, who was a great and useful man, made five resolutions for himself in his youth, and lived by them faithfully. They are worth studying. Anyone who will adopt and follow them will greatly increase his usefulness. The resolutions are as follows:

Resolved: To live with all might while I do live.

Resolved: Never to lose one moment of time, but to improve it in the most profitable way I possibly can.

Resolved: Never to do anything which I should despise or think meanly of in another.

Resolved: Never to do anything out of revenge.

Resolved: Never to do anything which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life."

Not by our own desire will we resolve to pursue Christ this year and certainly not by our own strength. Only by the gift of God's grace can we do anything of eternal value or effectiveness. Only by the help, guidance, and power of the Holy Spirit can we put on love, be thankful, delight in our Bibles, defeat sin, and so on.