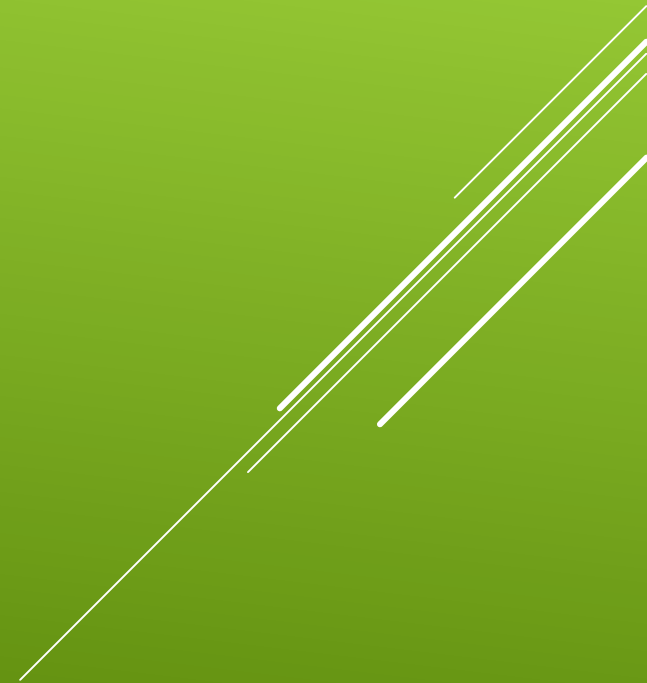


# I AM RESOLVED

It is not the beginning of a new year. But there are some resolutions that we can make any time of the year.

- ▶ Have we become hardened to the plight of the hurting?
- ▶ Benevolence is a weak area for most congregations

TO HELP OTHERS



▶ **Acts 20:35** I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

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- ▶ **James 1:27** Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, *and* to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

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▶ **Galatians 6:2** Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

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▶ **Galatians 6:9-10** 9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

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▶ **James 5:13-15** <sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

TO PRAY EVERY DAY

- ▶ **Revelation 2:10b** Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.
- ▶ **Revelation 2:4-5** <sup>4</sup> Nevertheless I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love. <sup>5</sup> Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place--unless you repent.

TO REMAIN FAITHFUL



- ▶ **Matthew 4:4** But He answered and said, "It is written, '*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.*' "
- ▶ **2 Timothy 2:15** Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Tim 2:15 (NKJV)
- ▶ Study (KJV) – Greek word = Diligent endeavor

TO READ / STUDY THE BIBLE

▶ **Acts 17:11** These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily *to find out* whether these things were so.

TO READ / STUDY THE BIBLE

- ▶ **NOTE:** Some problems with resolutions – not specific enough
- ▶ **Lose weight** – how much, when, how
- ▶ **Exercise** – when, how, where, how often
- ▶ **Travel** – where, how, when

TO BE A BETTER CHRISTIAN

- ▶ **Be better by** \_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ **Examine self – 2 Corinthians 13:5**  
Examine yourselves *as to* whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?--unless indeed you are disqualified.

TO BE A BETTER CHRISTIAN

- ▶ **Be better by** \_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ Examine self
- ▶ Determine the **ONE** thing most needed
- ▶ **Luke 18:22** So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

TO BE A BETTER CHRISTIAN

- ▶ Do you believe that Jesus died for your sins?
- ▶ Are you ready to change your life for God?
- ▶ Will you decide to be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins?

TO OBEY THE GOSPEL