

Be It Resolved...

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Introduction

Resolutions can be good, bad, or indifferent

Christians should make resolutions because...

1. Resolutions remind us that spiritual growth is not automatic (but requires planning and effort).

Hebrews 11:6 Without faith it is impossible to please Him...

Jeremiah 29:13 You will seek Me and find Me when you seek me with all your heart

1 Timothy 4:7-10 ...train yourself to be godly.

2. Resolutions affirm that God wants us to grow (and expects us to).

2 Cor. 3:18 we... are being transformed into his likeness...

Phil. 1:6 He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion...

Romans 12:2 Don't conform to the world / be transformed...

Phil. 2:12-13 ...continue to work out your salvation... for it is God who works in you...

3. Resolutions make us think (about what it means to be godly).

Heb. 10:24 Consider how to encourage one another...

Phil. 4:8-9 ...whatever is: true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, praiseworthy – think about such things.

4. Resolutions make it necessary to pray (because you realize you can't do it alone).

Phil. 4:13 I can do everything through Him who gives me strength

Eph. 3:16-19 Paul prayed for the Ephesians...

A few good resolutions...

Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself.

Jacob resolved to bring his tithe to the Lord.

David resolved to read God's Word and adopt it as his standard.

David resolved to be a man of prayer.

Paul resolved to be a soul-winner.

My resolutions for 2007:

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2. _____

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