

New Year's Resolutions

Just some examples and ideas
January 2010

I resolve:

1. To follow Jesus everyday
2. To connect with God over the Word daily (have a plan, set a time and a place)
3. To have a specific time of prayer daily
4. To have a time of extended prayer regularly (weekly?)
5. To develop deeper partnerships and friendships in the body
6. To be faithful to specific gatherings of the body
7. To regularly pray 2 Thessalonians 1:11 - 12 for my local body
8. To reach out to the lost (be specific?)
9. To open my heart and home more to the body and the lost for God's purposes (specific goals, once a week??)
10. To give faithfully, consistently and sacrificially for God's purposes (specific goals?)
11. To curb spending, get rid of debt and better manage what God has put in my hands
12. (Married men) To disciple my family through my example of loving God with my whole heart, spending time with them and having regular bible reading and prayer with them and making sure they are vitally connected to the body. If there are children at home make sure their educational and physical needs are met. Providing and protecting my family according to scriptural standards, not mine or the world's. (Our material standard of living is generally higher than scripture). Love my wife! (In a way that she knows it)
13. (Single men and women) To love God with my whole heart and use my singleness to the advantage of kingdom building. (list ways?)
14. (Men, but women also in many ways) To study the qualifications and endeavor to meet the qualifications of an elder
15. (Married women) To set an example by loving God with my whole heart. Submit to my husband, being a true helpmate. Disciple my children and younger women and other children. Give them my eyes and attention not just service. Make my home a warm kingdom outpost and ministry center and not just to my own family. Respect my husband and treat him with respect as this will go further than I think!
16. To by faith step out in acts of ministry this year. But to be willing to fail some to discover God's more specific callings and giftings. To take a chance on serving and reaching out where I see the need or have the desire. (Always operating in connection and submission to a local body but being bold)
17. To consider if my motive is the glory of God in everything I do
18. To go, pray, give to missions and also to the persecuted church

19. (Children) To be sure of my salvation. Love God with my whole heart. Obey my parents as they represent God in your life. Be kind and considerate to your siblings (and other children) as your attitude is an example to the whole church. Most of these resolutions also apply to you!
20. To abide in Christ and use spontaneous prayer throughout the day
21. To always speak and treat others kindly and repent when I do not (many find this especially difficult with their own family) To be kind is one of the simplest and best resolutions you can ever make! (remember it is most effective when a result of abiding)
22. To be alert to problem areas that reveal the flesh... pride, impatience, selfishness, self focus, lust, envy, anger, worldly ambition, self pity, gossip, criticalness, cynicalness,
23. Not to try to make people think I am better, smarter, more spiritual etc than I am - don't be a hypocrite don't exaggerate, be honest.
24. To regularly examine myself and repent, surrender, yield
25. To be ready physically and mentally as I am able for whatever comes my way. Read. Don't get soft. Stay fit, eat healthy and exercise self control.
26. To set an example of godliness, humility, punctuality and hard work on my job without becoming over focused on my job.
27. Not to gossip and to go directly to the person I have an issue or problem with
28. To endeavor to obtain for myself as much happiness in the other world as I possibly can, with all the power, might, vigor, and vehemence I am capable of... (Jonathon Edwards)
29. That I will do whatsoever I think to be the most glory of God... regardless of the sacrifice, suffering or time... (adapted JE)
30. Never to lose one moment of time, but to improve it in the most profitable way I can (JE)
31. To live with all my might, while I do live. (JE)
32. Never do anything that I would not be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life (JE)
33. That when I feel pain, to think of the pains of martyrdom and hell. (JE)
34. To be endeavoring to find out fit objects of generosity and charity. JE
35. Never to do anything out of revenge JE
36. Never to speak evil of anyone, so that it shall tend to his dishonor upon no account except for some real good. JE
37. That I will live so, as I shall wish I had done when I come to die JE