

THE POWER OF A POSITIVE RESOLUTION

New Life
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New Year's resolutions

- Exercise more (38 per cent).
- Lose weight (33 per cent).
- Eat more healthily (32 per cent).
- Learn new skill or hobby (15 per cent).

BUT 92% of resolutions fail by February!

1 Corinthians 2:2

“For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified”

***“FOR I RESOLVED TO KNOW NOTHING
AMONG YOU EXCEPT CHRIST” IMPLIES
WE HAVE A CHOICE TO MAKE***

Heb 2:1-4

"We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away".

Hebrews 2:1-4

“So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it. For the message God delivered through angels has always stood firm, and every violation of the law and every act of disobedience was punished. So what makes us think we can escape if we ignore this great salvation that was first announced by the Lord Jesus himself and then delivered to us by those who heard him speak? And God confirmed the message by giving signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever he chose.”

False teachers and fake news – be careful as there are consequences of drifting from truth of what you've heard.

- ***DON'T DRIFT*** from the solid truth you've been taught by new, fanciful ideas

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- ***DON'T IGNORE GOD'S INVITATION***

Jesus parable of a great feast in
Matthew 22:1-5 – an invitation to be
included.

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- ***DON'T NEGLECT YOUR GIFT***

1 Timothy 4:14

**“FOR I RESOLVED TO KNOW NOTHING
AMONG YOU EXCEPT CHRIST” IMPLIES
WE HAVE A FOCUS TO MAINTAIN**

Colossians 2:6-10

“See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ”

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“And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. Don’t let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ. For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority”

HOW DO WE KEEP THE RESOLVE?

1 Cor 15:1-4 - the things of first importance

Heb 12:1-3 - fixing our eyes on Jesus

Hebrews 12:1-3

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

CONCLUSION – *WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP?*

- *Appeal*
- *Affirmation*
- *Acknowledgement*