

## New Year's Resolution

It happens with the arrival of every new year. People all over the world make their New Year's resolutions, only to break them after only a short time. Perhaps you have resolved within yourself to lose weight, or get up earlier in the mornings, or save more money, etc. These are all noble goals, but how many people consider making spiritual resolutions for the new year? Below are a few suggestions. Think about these, and come up with more of your own.

Let us resolve to study God's word this year more than ever. If we do not eat physical food, we die. The same holds true for our spiritual bodies. If we do not feed our souls (Matthew 5:6). Ignorance of God's word has been the downfall of God's people throughout history (Hosea 4:6). Let us resolve that we will not contribute to this problem.

Let us resolve to pray to God more this year than ever before. God desires to help His children, but too many times we fail to ask (James 4:2). Constant communication with God will cause us to grow as we have never grown before. Let us resolve to be ready at all times to pray to God (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

Let us resolve to lead others to Christ with more fervent zeal than we ever had in the past. The harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few ( Matthew 9:37). If the church is going to grow it us up to us to seek out the lost and teach them about the Lord and His church.

- Patrick Morrison, via Mabelvale Church of Christ, Mabelvale, AR

### Happiness Resolutions

- I will talk health instead of sickness.
- I will talk prosperity.
- I will carry good news instead of bad news.
- I will encourage instead of criticize.
- I will try to be a friend to everyone.
- I will let Christ radiate from the center of my life.

# Happy New Year!

The yoke of God will never fit a stiff neck.

### News & Notes

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Linda Parkes will have surgery tomorrow UPMC Passavant Cancer Center, 9100 Babcock Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

**CARE & SHARE BEARS:** Work will resume this Tuesday, Jan. 8th.

**THE SILENCING OF GOD SEMINAR:** Learn how America's moral and spiritual foundation is being eroded and is collapsing. There are five DVD sessions, each about one hour in length: Tuesday, Jan. 8; Thursday, Jan. 10; Tuesday, Jan. 15; Thursday, Jan. 17; and Tuesday, Jan. 22 at 7:00 p.m. each of these evenings. Come and be informed!

**ELDERS NIGHT:** Sun., Jan. 27th. Our Elders use this annual event to inform us about matters that concern this congregation. Plan to be here.

**PANTRY:** Peanut butter & jelly.

**SICK:** Weirton Medical Center (Skilled): Jean Larrimore. **AT HOME:** Geraldine Barrett, Gene Miller, Helene Wilson, Mary Nelson, Bette Gentry, Dan Williams (Sharon's husband), Jim Smith (preacher at Langeloth), Bill McKeen (friend of Don Spencer), Cole Bellon (Michelle Hanlon's nephew). **IN FLORIDA:** Eva Sharp (Elaine McClung's mother) 12265 C.R. 681, Webster, FL 33597. **Those who have been shut-in or in nursing homes for an extended period of time will be posted on the bulletin board, and mentioned from time to time. Continue to remember each one.**

### "BUT WHAT CAN I DO?"

We may sometimes feel that we are of little or no value to the Lord's Cause. We might think of ourselves as being less talented or less useful than other Christians. The truth is, regardless of who we are, each member of the church is important and can be helpful. "But what can I do?" Consider:

- Like Barnabas, exhort other saints to cleave to the Lord (Acts 11:23).
- Like Abraham, instruct your offspring to serve the Lord (Genesis 18:19).
- Like Daniel, be instant in prayer, even in difficult circumstances (Daniel 6:10).
- Like Andrew, try and bring your family members to Jesus (John 1:40-42).
- Like Onesiphorus, refresh and serve those that need special attention (2 Timothy 1:16-18).
- Like Paul and Barnabas, visit the brethren (Acts 15:36).
- Like the early saints in Thessalonica, demonstrate that you abound in your love for other Christians (2 Thessalonians 1:3).

You are right: you cannot do everything. You are also correct in saying that other people do a lot of things better than you do. Every one of us could make such an admission about self. Still, there are so many things that each soldier of Christ can do. Let us be about our Father's business.

- Roger D. Campbell, Union Grove Church of Christ, Cleveland, TN