



Resolutions!

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God wants us to make resolutions regarding our service for Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son. Therefore, **I will not quit in my service for Christ.** Instead I will be “steadfast” (1 Corinthians 15:58). We don’t need to waiver, we don’t need to change direction, we don’t need to fall, and we don’t need to quit. The word “steadfast” is from the Greek “*hedraios*.” According to Strong, it means “sedentary... immovable: settled...” Every saint from the first to the twenty-first century needs to heed this exhortation.

Neither will **I move from my service for Christ.** Instead, I will be “unmovable.” Because we know death is defeated and we serve a risen Savior, we should stand firm and unshakable all the more for Him right now and every day of our lives. We should work hard in everything now, working for the Lord, because right now counts forever!

I will not become complacent in my service for Christ. Instead, I will be “always abounding.” W.E. Vine defined the Greek word rendered “abounding” (“*perisseuo*”) in this passage as “to be abundantly furnished, to abound in a thing...the work of the Lord.” Hence, one who “abounds” has an overflowing abundance. Consider the account of Jesus’ instructions to Simon Peter recorded in Luke 4:5-10. The Lord said, “Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.” When Peter obeyed and let down the nets as Christ directed, he and his fishing companions caught such a vast number of fishes that their nets broke, and the ship began to sink. Now, that’s **abundance!**

I will have no regrets in my service for Christ. That is because my labor will be “not in vain.” Scripture reads, “Knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” Even if one’s labor is vain to everyone else, and everyone else discounts or doesn’t appreciate what one does for the Lord, labor is not worthless and in vain in the Lord. It doesn’t matter if one gets praise or encouragement. Sometimes a person will and sometimes he will not. However, the resurrection means that our labors are not in vain in the Lord.

In conclusion, a Christian should live in such a way as to receive our Lord’s commendation of “well done thou good and faithful servant” on the Judgment Day (Matthew 25:21).
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God’s forgiveness is the door to a new beginning.

News & Notes

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. The Covid-19 restrictions still apply (masks & distancing).

SYMPATHY: To the Postlethwait & Clutter Families at the passing of Tom Postlethwait and to the Robinson Family at the passing of Ernie. Other families in our congregation affected by death: the Clutter & Waite Families at the passing of an aunt; Karen Strum at the passing of a bother-in-law; and the Wilson’s at the passing of a cousin. My God bless and comfort these families.

POWER INTERUPTION: Mon Power has a scheduled power outage, **Tuesday, Jan. 5th, 9:00 a.m. - noon** for the following areas: **Chester, Newell, New Manchester, and New Cumberland.**

PANTRY: Tomato & vegetable soups.

REMEMBER WITH CARDS & PRAYERS: Linda Parkes, 159 S. Surry Road, East Liverpool, OH 43920.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Pat Allison, Dean & Sandy Spencer, Randy Waite, Randy Beagle, Charlie Delong, David McCoy, Jim Hadley, Marlene Evans, Shirley Beagle, Russell Martin, Cam Adamson, Rick Beck (minister at Weston, WV), John McClung (address on bulletin board), Josh Morrison, Alex Harless. **FOX, East Liverpool:** Doris Dunham. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore, (Room 210). **IN TENNESSEE:** Steve Higginbotham. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

BEGIN TODAY

Dream not too much of what you'll do tomorrow.

How well you'll work perhaps another year;
 Tomorrow's chance you do not need to borrow -
 Today is here.

Boast not too much of mountains you will master,
 The while you linger in the vale below;
 To dream is well, but plodding brings us faster
 To where we go.

Talk not too much about some new endeavor
 You mean to make a little later on;
 Who idles now will idle on
 Till life is gone.

Swear not some day to break some habit's fetter,
 When the old year is dead and passed away;
 If you have need of living wiser, better,
 Begin today.

- Author Unknown -

