



ciples to go into every nation, preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ to everyone who will listen, baptizing those who gladly receive it as the Truth that it is (Acts 2:40-41). In 2 Corinthians 5:10-11, Paul tells us that we will all stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ where we will all be judged according

to every deed done and every word spoken by us in this life. That is why he and so many others tried and try their best to persuade people to repent to God. This is why we need to bring someone else closer to God. May we all resolve ourselves to do a better job in our personal evangelism in this upcoming year.

Even though these are general resolutions, I encourage us all to come up with a plan of action in how that we might fulfill our resolutions during the next year. Also, I encourage us to share those plans so that we might pray for the success of those plans and to stir one another up to this love and these good works (Hebrews 10:24-25). May we all resolve ourselves to make this next year the best year for spiritual and physical growth Olsen Park has ever seen. And, may God continue to bless every one of us.



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New Year's Resolutions

by Curtis Carwile

This coming Friday, we will enter into a new year. It will be a New Year, full of new opportunities, new experiences, and new hopes for this New Year. This time of year, many people keep a tradition of making (and shortly thereafter breaking) their own New Year's resolutions. These resolutions will range in number and seriousness from wanting to lose twenty-five pounds during the course of the next year to exhausted lists of personal "to-do's"—each with its own action plan. The reason why someone makes and keeps these resolutions is because that person believes that his or her life will be bettered by doing so (e.g., if you lose weight, you're healthier and if you're healthier, you'll be happier).

This is such a wonderful practice. If a person is serious about his personal betterment, it

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will cause him to become more introspective (looking within). It will also encourage him to be more retrospective (looking back) and prospective (looking forward). All in all, it will force a person to walk more circumspectly (looking around), the way Paul tells us we should walk every day of our lives (Ephesians 5:15-16). Therefore, this is a



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practice in which we should engage. It is with this in mind that I would like to offer three resolutions which every Christian should all make this year.

I. Resolve yourself to draw closer to

God. It may be that you have never opened a Bible in your life and yet you have been a Christian since the last Great Depression. The fact of the matter is that we all need to draw closer to God with every passing year. If you don't know anything about God, let me tell you that He loves you and wants to have a close and personal relationship with you (John 3:16). However, it is because of sins we commit that we separate ourselves from Him and that relationship (Isaiah 59:2). Yet, it is because of His love that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross to conquer sin and rise from the grave on the third day to conquer death (1 John 4:8-10; Hebrews 9:23-10:18). This is the Gospel and anyone who hears and believes it (Romans 10:17) and confesses their faith in it (Romans 10:9-10) by repenting from their sins and being baptized into His precious blood (Acts 2:38) will be raised from the spiritual death brought on by sin (Romans 6:23) to walk in a newness of life (Romans 6:3-4). One draws close to God by obeying His Gospel. If you are a Christian, recommit yourself to the confession you made so long ago, that you believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of the living God and that He is

not only your Savior, but that He is your King, and you will follow Him wherever He leads no matter what the cost. May we all resolve ourselves to draw closer to God during this next year.

II. Resolve yourself to pray more.

Prayer is one of the most important things to a Christian. When someone is in fellowship with God and does not have sin blocking that fellowship (1 John 1:7; Isaiah 59:2), that person has the assurance that God hears their prayers (Hebrews 12:18-24; 10:19). When you stop to consider what prayer is and to whom we are praying, we must realize and try to appreciate (knowing full-well that we can never fully do so) this awesome opportunity! We have the privilege to speak with the Almighty and All-Knowing Creator and LORD of the entire Universe and everything that is in it! Just stop for a moment and think about how amazingly and incredibly awesome that is. And, it's not just that we can speak to Him unhindered, but that He loves us enough to listen to every prayer we pray. And, even more than that, He answers our prayers. Granted, they may not be the answers we want when we want them, but thank God for that! He, in His infinite wisdom, answers our

prayers the way He knows best (Matthew 7:7-11). How comforting is that?! When we consider just this, how are we NOT praying without ceasing (1 Thesalonians 5:17)?! May we all resolve ourselves to always have a prayer on our lips.

III. Resolve yourself to bring someone else closer to God.

It has already been stated, but it deserves to be re-stated, we ALL need to draw closer to God with every passing year. Every single person we meet and don't meet needs to draw closer to God. In the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16), Jesus commands His dis-