

"I Resolve To..."

We are already about halfway through January and we all know what that means. Most people's New Year's resolution are nothing more than a forgotten memory. Most New Year's resolutions involve one of two things, either quitting something that is detrimental to you or starting something that will benefit you. Here is what happens with most New Year's resolutions, they are broken and then forgotten. "I'm going to stop eating fast food." But then you are on the road and grab some McDonalds. After that you go right back into your old bad habit. "I'm going to go to the gym every day." But then you miss a day and think, "Oh well, once a month will be fine." Maybe we need to learn something about commitment from God.

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23

Every single day we give God an excuse to stop showing love and compassion to us. Yet every single day we wake up and find that God's love and compassion is just as strong today as it was yesterday and the day before. God's love and compassion never fails for two reasons. First, God's love and compassion for His children is not a commitment that He has to renew every day, it is His character. The second reason is that God's love and compassion is not dependent on circumstances. Now compare that to our resolutions. Our resolutions usually fail because we are trying to start something new or stop something that has been a part of our lives. In essence we are trying to change our character. We also allow external circumstances to derail our commitments. So what is the solution? The solution is to stop relying on our own strengths and allow God's power to work through the Holy Spirit in our lives.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23

When the fruits of the Spirit define your life keeping new resolutions are no problem. So maybe it is time for some new New Year's resolutions.

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Pearls of Wisdom From the Pew

New Year brings up the question about resolutions. Instead of asking , " What do I need to work on?" Ask the question, " What does God WANT me to work on?" In Micah, God , does not provide a checklist for self improvement, but a calling to live with integrity, compassion and a deep dependence on Him.

(Micah 6:8)

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57 yrs still learning

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