

Top 10 Resolutions for 2011  
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Focal Passage: **Philippians 2:1–15 (NAS)**

**NUMBER 1**

The first resolution is to be of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Philippians 4:2 (NAS)** I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to **live in harmony** in the Lord.

**Romans 15:5-7 (NAS)** <sup>5</sup> Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the **same mind with one another** ...

We need to be like minded because we are \_\_\_\_\_ to each other in Christ as the body of Christ.

**Romans 12:5 (NAS)** so **we**, who are many, **are one** body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

**Romans 12:16 (NAS)** Be of the **same mind toward one another**; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.

**1 Corinthians 1:10 (NAS)** Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that **you all agree** and that there be **no divisions among you**, but that you be made **complete in the same mind** and in the same judgment.

**2 Corinthians 13:11 (NAS)** Finally, brethren, rejoice, be made complete, be comforted, **be like-minded**, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

**PRINCIPLE** -- BE LIKE MINDED WITH CHRIST AND LET YOUR LIFE REFLECT HEAVENLY AND SPIRITUAL THINGS

**NUMBER 2**

The second resolution is to let our lives be defined by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 6:24 (NAS)** "**No one can serve two masters**; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

Love of \_\_\_\_\_ accompanies love of God.

**Matthew 22:39 (NAS)** "The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

**Who is your neighbor?** Simply the person in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 10:29-30 (NAS)** <sup>29</sup> But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied and said, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead.

Love of neighbor definitely includes love of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 5:43-44 (NAS)** <sup>43</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'<sup>44</sup> "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

**PRINCIPLE** -- LOVE EVERYONE AS A CHOICE OF YOUR WILL RATHER THAN YOUR PREFERENCE FOR THOSE YOU ARE ATTRACTED TO.

**NUMBER 3**

The third resolution is to be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Acts 14:28 (NAS)** And they **spent** a long **time** with the disciples.

**John 21:3 (NAS)** Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "**We will also come with you**." They went out and got into the boat; and that night they caught nothing.

**Acts 20:36 (NAS)** When he had said these things, he knelt down and **prayed with them all**.

**Philippians 2:22** But you know of his proven worth, that **he served with me** in the furtherance of the gospel like a child serving his father.

**Galatians 1:2 (NAS)** and all the **brethren who are with me**,

**PRINCIPLE** -- MAINTAIN CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS MARKED BY GENUINE CONCERN, HELPFULNESS, FREQUENT FELLOWSHIP AND LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER.

**NUMBER 4**

The fourth resolution is to be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Philippians 2:2 (NAS)** <sup>2</sup> make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, **intent on one purpose**.

**PRINCIPLE** -- UNITY DEPENDS ON ME HAVING ONE MIND, ONE LOVE, ONE SPIRIT AND ONE PURPOSE WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS.

**NUMBER 5**

The fifth resolution is to do \_\_\_\_\_.

**James 3:16 (NAS)** <sup>16</sup> For **where** jealousy and **selfish ambition exist, there is disorder** and every evil thing.

**Principle** -- Selfishness will always bring discord and division when people focus on their agendas to the exclusion of others in the church.

**NUMBER 6**

The sixth resolution is to always regard others more \_\_\_\_\_.

**Philippians 3:8 (NAS)** — <sup>8</sup> More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the **surpassing value** of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ,

**Principle** -- THINK OF OTHERS FIRST; PUT OTHER FIRST; ALWAYS.

**NUMBER 7**

The seventh resolution is to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Colossians 4:2 (NAS)** <sup>2</sup> Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of **thanksgiving**;

**Luke 1:17 (NAS)** <sup>17</sup> "It is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the **righteous**, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

**Principle** -- ADOPT AN ATTITUDE THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH JESUS' ATTITUDE WHICH WAS SELFLESSNESS

**NUMBER 8**

The eighth resolution is to \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Samuel 15:22 (NAS)** — <sup>22</sup> Samuel said, “Has the Lord as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices As in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams.

**Principle** -- OBEYING GOD IS A SIGN OF TRUSTING GOD WHILE DISOBEYING IS A SIGN THAT I DON'T TRUST HIM.

**NUMBER 9**

The ninth resolution is to \_\_\_\_\_

The key here is for you to \_\_\_\_\_ or let the product of you daily life be according to the grace God has extended to you in Christ Jesus.

While at the same time God will \_\_\_\_\_ that which only He can do.

**1 Corinthians 15:10 (NAS)** But by the grace of God I am what I am, and **His grace toward me** [WORK IN] did not prove vain; but **I labored even more** [WORK OUT] than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

**Principle** -- WHAT COMES OUT IN YOUR LIFE IS AN INDICATION OF WHO'S IN CONTROL OF YOUR LIFE.

**NUMBER 10**

The tenth resolution is to do all things without \_\_\_\_\_

**Philippians 2:14** Do everything readily and cheerfully—no bickering, no second-guessing allowed!

**Grumbling**

**Matthew 20:10-11 (NAS)** <sup>10</sup> “When those hired first came, they thought that they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup> “When they received it, they grumbled at the landowner,

**Luke 5:30 (NAS)** The Pharisees and their scribes began grumbling at His disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with the tax collectors and sinners?”

**Disputing**

**1 Timothy 2:8 (NAS)** — <sup>8</sup> Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension.

\_\_\_\_\_ is always expressed outwardly while \_\_\_\_\_ many times is not expressed outwardly in actions or words but rather in follow ship. It is quiet rebellion or disagreement.

How then do we avoid **grumbling** and **disputing**?

**FIRST** remember that if you are saved, you are a citizen of heaven:

**Philippians 3:20 (NAS)** For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

**SECOND** remember that Christians are not capable of doing good things by their own strength.

**Romans 7:18 (NAS)** For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not.

**THIRD** remember that trials and testing are what God uses to produce patience and endurance in Christians.

**James 1:2-3 (NAS)** <sup>2</sup> Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, <sup>3</sup> knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

**FOURTH** Every circumstance of life is to be accepted willingly and joyfully, without murmuring, complaint, or disappointment, much less resentment. There is no exception. There should never be either **emotional grumbling** or **intellectual disputing**. It is always sinful for believers to complain about anything the Lord calls them to do or about any circumstance which He sovereignly allows.

**Principle** -- A CHRISTIAN THAT IS GUILTY OF GRUMBLING AND DISPUTING IS MISREPRESENTING CHRISTIANITY TO A LOST AND DYING WORLD.

**CONCLUSION**

You might think this is impossible. Right? Not really. We have the ability if we take advantage of the resources God has given us.

**John 14:26 (NAS)** <sup>26</sup> “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

Paul himself testifies that it is possible by saying:

**Philippians 4:11-12 (NLT)** <sup>11</sup> Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. <sup>12</sup> I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little.