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In just a few days many people will be making what is known as "New Year's Resolutions." For some reason, when a year ends and a new year begins people think they need to resolve to do certain things. It may be that some realize they failed to accomplish what they planned, some may simply see a need to improve in some area of life, others may just see the end of a year as an opportunity to make new plans for the coming months. The concept of resolutions is in reality very good. But if we have failed, or we need to make improvements in our life, why wait until the end of a year to do so? Shouldn't we be making resolutions throughout the year?

There is a song we sing, usually as an invitation song, that is titled "I Am Resolved." The words of this song are designed to encourage someone to come to Christ who is not a Christian. But, the lyrics also could be applicable to those who are Christians. Look at some of the words:

"I am resolved no longer to linger, charmed by the world's delight, things that are higher, things that are nobler, these have allured my sight." Shouldn't this be our resolve as a Christian? Should we not be allured by the nobler, higher things of God rather than what the world offers?

"I am resolved to go to the Savior, leaving my sin and strife; He is the true One, He is the just One, He hath the words of life." We need to go the Savior daily. He indeed is the true and just One and only He has the word of life that can help us each day.

"I am resolved to follow the Savior, faithful and true each day, heed what He sayeth, do what He willeth, He is the living way." Again, is this not something we as children of God need to do "each day"? We need to follow Jesus in everyday life. We need to resolve that we are going to heed His words and obey His will.

"I am resolved to enter the kingdom, leaving the paths of sin; friends may oppose me, foes may beset me, still will I enter in." As Christians we enter the kingdom when we obey the Gospel. Our resolve should be to remain faithful--to remain in the kingdom regardless of things that beset and oppose us. Ultimately our goal is to enter that eternal kingdom of everlasting life in heaven. This resolve, this hope, this promise is what motivates our life in Christ. No longer do we live to serve sin, but we are now servants of Christ.

May we resolve every day, not just at the end of a year, to be what God wants us to be, to heed His word, and to do what He wills for us to do.