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Can it be possible? Another year has passed? A new year is here? If you are like me you are asking, "Where did the time go?" "Where did the last twelve months go?" There is an old expression, "Time waits for no one," that certainly seems to be true. Time is fleeting. Time is quickly passing. And the reality is we can do absolutely nothing about it. Except resolve to make the best use of every second we have.

This is the time people make resolutions. The problem is resolutions made even with good intentions are often not kept. In fact someone has estimated that only 6 % of resolutions are kept. What about you? Are you making any plans for 2018?

Some resolutions are meaningless while others are of great importance. As we look back on 2017 we may realize that there are some changes we need to make. Perhaps there is a relationship we need to rekindle. Or, maybe there is that someone who has wronged us that we need to forgive. Maybe, we even see a need for self-improvement: we have some weight we should lose, or we need to exercise more, or we need to eat food with less calories.

Some resolutions may focus on our spirituality. We are going to resolve to read and study the Bible everyday. Or, we are going to pray more often. Or, we are going to pick a friend or family member and we are going to work toward converting them to the Lord. Maybe we feel the need to grow spiritually and be more mature in Christ. The word "resolved" can be found four times in the NIV. Three of these references deal with a deeper commitment to God. David said, "I have resolved that my mouth will not sin" (Psa 17:3). Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the King's royal food and wine (Dan 1:8). Paul said he was resolved to know only Jesus Christ and Him crucified (1 Cor.2:2). All of these resolutions are good and even some that we could make ourselves. We certainly need to be sure we do not sin with our mouth and we should not defile ourselves with things of the world, and of course we need to know Jesus and Him crucified so we can share with others.

There is a song we often sing, usually as an invitation song, but the words express some resolutions we need to make. "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. I am resolved to go to the Savior, leaving my sin and strife, He is the true One, He is just One, He hath the words of life. 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. I am resolved to enter the kingdom, leaving my paths of sin; friends my oppose me, foes may beset me still will I enter in." What ever we resolve to do, may we be determined to follow through and successfully carry them out. There is no greater resolution than to be committed to Christ and resolve to obey Him and follow Him where ever He may lead. We do not know how many more years we have. Or, even days or minutes. So, let's make the best of every minute God gives us on His good earth

HAPPY NEW YEAR
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