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## Resolutions

*Everyone is making New Year's resolutions. What kinds of resolutions should I set for myself?*

### GOD'S RESPONSE

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many. *Mark 10:45*

Let love be your highest goal! *1 Corinthians 14:1*

I brought glory to you here on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. *John 17:4*

 Everyone may make New Year's resolutions, but few people actually keep them. In fact, most people break their resolutions within three months. Rather than making a long list of things you hope to do this year, focus on the one thing that really matters—a daily resolution to be like Jesus. While he was on earth, Jesus loved, served, and gave glory to God. When you resolve to live that way, you will find that every day brings a new adventure. Decide today to be more like Jesus this year by loving and serving God and others, and by bringing glory to God in the way you live.

### THIS IS PROMISING

Our goal is to please him. **2 CORINTHIANS 5:9**



## Walk with God

*What life goals will bring me closer to God?*

### GOD'S RESPONSE

Are you seeking great things for yourself? Don't do it!

*Jeremiah 45:5*

If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God. *James 4:4*

Enoch lived 365 years, walking in close fellowship with God. Then one day he disappeared, because God took him. *Genesis 5:23-24*

 Have you ever set a goal for yourself? Did you reach it? Why or why not? The kinds of goals you set should help you develop a better relationship with God. That means focusing on God and on his direction for your life, not on seeking only pleasure or great things for yourself. The Bible says that Enoch had a great relationship with God for 365 years! Why not walk with God for the next 365 days? What would it take for you to reach this goal?

### THIS IS PROMISING

Love the LORD your God, walk in all his ways, obey his commands, hold firmly to him, and serve him with all your heart and all your soul. *JOSHUA 22:5*

## Mistakes

*Last year I made some mistakes. How can I avoid making them again?*

### GOD'S RESPONSE

I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead. *Philippians 3:13*

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. *Philippians 1:6*

 There can be a big difference between making a mistake and committing a sin. A mistake is getting the wrong answer on a test. A sin is cheating in order to get a better grade. You can often avoid repeating a mistake by studying harder, planning better, or double-checking your work. But to avoid repeating the same sin, you need God's help. The regret you feel over a sin indicates that you want to be different, and that desire is from God. Ask God to help you be different!

### THIS IS PROMISING

Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.

LAMENTATIONS 3:23



## Better Choices

*How can I make better choices this year than I did last year?*

### GOD'S RESPONSE

When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. “Zacchaeus!” he said. “Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today.”

Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. But the people were displeased. “He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner,” they grumbled.

Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, “I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!”

*Luke 19:5-8*

 Zacchaeus had clearly made some bad choices—the people in the crowd called him a “notorious sinner.” But after Jesus spent some time with him, Zacchaeus’s life changed, and he wanted to make better choices. Our choices reflect the kind of people we are, and this is often influenced by whom we spend time with. Zacchaeus began to change when he spent time with Jesus. That is the best choice you can make too!

### THIS IS PROMISING

You can make this choice by loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. DEUTERONOMY 30:20



## Right Choices

*Will God tell me if I'm making the right choices?*

### GOD'S RESPONSE

I appeal to you to show kindness to my child, Onesimus. I became his father in the faith while here in prison. Onesimus hasn't been of much use to you in the past, but now he is very useful to both of us. I am sending him back to you, and with him comes my own heart. . . . He is no longer like a slave to you. He is more than a slave, for he is a beloved brother. *Philemon 1:10-12, 16*



Why are the right choices often the hardest ones to make?

It would not be easy for Onesimus to return to the master from whom he had stolen money and run away. Onesimus's owner, Philemon, had to decide whether to take his runaway slave back as a fellow believer. Paul advised both men to make the right choices. When you know the right thing to do, God will confirm it deep in your heart, and other trusted people around you will agree with it. It may not make it easier, but knowing what is right can give you the courage to do it. The Bible calls this wisdom, which comes from the Word of God.

### THIS IS PROMISING

Joyful is the person who finds wisdom, the one who gains understanding. **PROVERBS 3:13**