

RESOLVED

Psalm 101

The spiritual goals of a godly man or woman

LET'S GET STARTED

The biggest problem with most of our New Year's resolutions might not be that most of them will be forgotten in a few months, but that most of them are focused on our desires, rather than on God's desires for us. In this message we will explore some of the most basic elements of a life that pleases God.

LET'S HEAR THE WORD

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14—¹³ Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole [duty] of man. ¹⁴ For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.

My chief duty is to _____.

I will _____ for how well I fulfill my duty.

In Psalm 101, King David nailed down five specific commitments as he resolved to please God:

Psalm 101—¹ I will sing of your love and justice; to you, O LORD, I will sing praise. ² I will be careful to lead a blameless life—when will you come to me? I will walk in my house with blameless heart. ³ I will set before my eyes no vile thing. The deeds of faithless men I hate; they will not cling to me. ⁴ Men of perverse heart shall be far from me; I will have nothing to do with evil. ⁵ Whoever slanders his neighbor in secret, him will I put to silence; whoever has haughty eyes and a proud heart, him will I not endure. ⁶ My eyes will be on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; he whose walk is blameless will minister to me. ⁷ No one who practices deceit will dwell in my house; no one who speaks falsely will stand in my presence. ⁸ Every morning I will put to silence all the wicked in the land; I will cut off every evildoer from the city of the LORD.

Quotable

This psalm was David's philosophy of life. It summarizes what David wanted to be remembered for when his life was over.

You could call it legacy planning. Did he always succeed in living like this? No—Sometimes he failed.

But these resolutions express the desires of David's heart. It's the kind of man he wanted to be.

—Douglass Connelly

Resolution One: I will live for God. Resolution Two: If no one else does, I still will.

—Jonathan Edwards

If you would like to know more

Active Spirituality: A Non-Devotional Guide, by Charles Swindoll (Word Publishing, 1994)

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KING DAVID'S "I WILLS" IN PSALM 101

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LET'S LIVE IT

Have you made a list of life goals? How do your goals compare to David's list? Let's do our own "legacy planning," as we resolve to obey God in every part of our lives.

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