

# I Am Resolved

## Introduction

Text: **Philippians 2:5-8**

1. We all can relate to important milestones in our lives usually by stating the year that these things occurred. For example:
  - A. High school graduation; College graduation; Marriage; Children's birth; Baptism, etc.
    - 1) Perhaps there is something that we will remember more about this year than other years.
2. The title of our lesson this morning is "I Am Resolved." What is a resolution? There are at least four definitions of this word, but the one that we want to look at this morning is the following:
  - A. Resolution: "a firm decision to do or not to do something."

## I Am Resolved No Longer To Linger In The World

1. We may desire to "linger" at times.
  - A. Distractions, slowing down to make observations, to investigate.
2. Resolve to not be charmed by the world's delights.
  - A. Examples of appeal of the world.
    - 1) Peer pressure, Success, Power, Wealth.  
**Matthew 26:41**

3. **Lingering is a result of our own desires.**
  - A. **For example: In Walmart, I may linger in the hardware department while my wife lingers in the craft section. In whatever area appeals to me, that is where I want to linger.**
    - 1) **If there is no appeal, then there is no lingering.**
  - B. **Sin is the same way. That which is appealing to one then there is the real temptation and danger of lingering there.**  
**Romans 7:22-8:1**

Romans 13:14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and **make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.**

## **I Am Resolved To Follow The Savior**

1. **We must live faithful and true to God each day.**
  - A. **Let's take it one day at a time making each day about Him.**

Matthew 6:34 Therefore **do not worry about tomorrow**, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

- B. **We also need to be honest with ourselves each day.**  
**James 1:23-25**
2. **Being faithful to God is the only way that we can follow Jesus.**  
**Hebrews 5:8-9**  
**Romans 6:16-18**
3. **We must start with obedience from the heart.**  
**Proverbs 3:1-4**
  - A. **If we are not obedient when we are alone, are we really following our Savior?**

## I Am Resolved To Enter The Kingdom

1. **Most people have never obeyed the gospel.**
  - A. **In order to gain salvation one must be resolved to “enter the kingdom.”**
  - B. **One must be “added to the church” which also places them “in the kingdom.”**

Acts 2:41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

Acts 2:47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

2. **Most of us in attendance today have been baptized for the forgiveness of our sins – but we now must resolve to remain in the kingdom.**
  - A. **Apostasy is a fact that is taught in Scripture. Good men who were once right with God fell away:**
    - 1) **Judas, Demas, Hymaneus, and Philetus**
  - B. **Therefore, apostasy is a possibility for you and me.**
    - 1) **Don’t assume salvation just because we “understand” God’s doctrine.**
    - 2) **Apostasy is inevitable IF we stop applying the truth.**
    - 3) **If the apostle Paul had to “keep himself” how much more should we be certain of our remaining in the kingdom?**

**C. Causes of apostasy:****1) Loving the present world.**

2 Timothy 4:10 for Demas has forsaken me, **having loved this present world**, and has departed for Thessalonica.....

**2) Shutting up our ears to truth and learning.**

**Acts 7:54-57**

**3) Resisting the truth.**

**2 Thessalonians 2:9-10**

2 Timothy 4:8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only **but also to all who have loved His appearing.**

**D. Safeguards that work against apostasy:****1) God's Word.**

**2 Timothy 3:13-17**

**2) Spiritual Growth.**

**2 Peter 1:5-11**

**3) Being grounded in the truth.**

**Ephesians 4:13-16**

**4) Putting on the armor of God and using it wisely.**

**Ephesians 6:10-20**

**Conclusion****1. Let us all resolve to hasten to Him!**

**Matthew 24:40-44**

