

INTRODUCTION:

People are always making resolutions...and especially at the beginning of the New Year.

Some of them are kept but I am fairly certain that we could say that a majority of them are broken.

If Resolutions are good, if they are good, if they are kept. Unkept resolutions, though they may be good within themselves, are no good if not kept; leaving the individual making and breaking them weaker.

SOME PEOPLE WHO NEED TO MAKE RESOLUTIONS. Three groups:

1. THE SINNER

1. He should resolve to turn from the world. Give it up

2. He should resolve to obey the gospel of Christ.

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

Revelation 14:6, 7

2. THE ERRING CHILD OF GOD

1. He should resolve now to return to the Lord...NOT:

1. When he thinks he is good enough, for no person is good enough of himself to return to the Lord.

2. The parable of the lost son: Luke 15:18-20.

(1) I will arise and go to my father and will say

1. I have sinned against heaven and before thee

2. Make me as one of thy hired servants.

(2) And he arose and went, Luke 15:20. No delay, no dallying about it; no seeing how he might feel about it next year ETC.

(3) You need to return today!

3. THE CHRISTIAN. Some resolutions he should make:

1. To do more teaching (1 Tim. 4:16) Take heed unto thyself, and unto the

doctrine; continuing in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

2. To truly be a Christian. 1 Peter 4:15-18

3. To have the mind of Christ (Phil. 2:5). To walk in the steps of Christ (1 Peter 2:21).

4. THE CHURCH

1. More services; more reverence; more teaching;

2. Reach more people: Personal contact, advertising.

I AM RESOLVED:

1. I am resolved no longer to linger,
Charmed by the world's delight;
Things that are higher, things that are nobler,
Have allured my sight.
2. 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.
4. I am resolved, and who will go with me
Come friends without delay,
Taught by the Bible, led by the Spirit,
We'll walk the heavenly way

THIRD STANZA:

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!