

# Humble New Year's Resolve

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 – Pastor Nick Thompson

## I. Resolve from God's guarantee.

## II. Resolve after God's good.

## III. Resolve by God's grace.

## IV. Resolve for God's glory.

### **QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP**

1. What is a resolution? Should Christians make them? Why, or why not?
2. Is it okay to make resolutions regarding physical things or only spiritual things?
3. How does Christ's return change the way we resolve?
4. What is the good that we are to resolve after? Who gets to define goodness?
5. Why must we be prayerful in our resolutions? What does a lack of prayer say about our hearts?
6. What is an area where we could grow in goodness (i.e. love toward God and people) as a family in this new year?

### **QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION**

1. What resolutions would promote within me a watchfulness and readiness for Christ's return?
2. If God has summarized the good in His law, where am I particularly deficient in goodness?
3. What does my devotion to prayer reveal about my dependence upon God? Do I ask others to pray for God to work these good things out in my life?
4. What is the end or aim of my resolutions? Is it conformity to Christ's image and the glorification of His name?

[see also the questions referenced from Donald Whitney at <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/ten-questions-for-a-new-year>]