

## **A Christian Covenant Prayer & New Year's Resolutions**

Now that we have celebrated the Birth of Christ we find ourselves in the season of hoping to live a better, more fulfilling life in the New Year. I'll save you the work of coming up with a list of resolutions for 2016. Here are 10 New Year's Resolutions Every Christian Should Make followed by a Covenant prayer for a New Year!

### **2016 Top Ten Christian New Years Resolutions**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Resolve to stay faithful to Jesus Christ. He is the one Truth, Way and Life. There's no reason to look elsewhere. **2<sup>nd</sup>** Resolve to not let anything – a career, a significant other, social media, a house – become an object of worship. **3<sup>rd</sup>** Resolve to watch your language and not speak any destructive talk, especially involving the name of God. **4<sup>th</sup>** Resolve to prevent burnout by putting aside work one day a week. Trust God to provide for your needs that day and just enjoy the time He's given you, “Keeping Sabbath Time”. **5<sup>th</sup>** Resolve to talk to your parents on a regular basis, and show them love and respect, while they are still with you. **6<sup>th</sup>** Resolve to be angry less. Channel any feelings of rage, which Jesus said are as severe as murder, into worshiping God and serving others. **7<sup>th</sup>** Resolve to honor your commitment to your spouse. Whether in thought or in deed, stay pure and loyal in the union God made. **8<sup>th</sup>** Resolve to not take anything that's not yours, including stuff you can hold and put in your pocket, and plenty that you can't, like music downloads, streaming movies and hours on your timecard. **9<sup>th</sup>** Resolve to speak about others only with truth and love, not gossip. **10<sup>th</sup>** Resolve to be content with what you have, and not worry about that others are amassing.

As we make and strive to keep these resolutions I encourage you to pray John Wesley's Covenant Prayer. It is a prayer used for the renewal of the believer's Covenant with God. As we begin a new year I pray that you will pray this prayer and renew your covenant with God. Set your heart on being obedient to God in 2016.

### **John Wesley's Covenant Prayer**

“Lord, I am no longer my own, but I am yours. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.”

Praying You All Have A Blessed, Happy and Holy New Year!

Grace & Peace,

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