

Our Resolute and Determined Savior

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TODAY is the day we begin fulfilling our 2017 resolutions.

TODAY is the day our determination, persistence and grit kick in: determination to eat better, determination to exercise more, and determination to spend less.

This is the YEAR that we resolve to actually keep our promises to ourselves and to work hard each day to deliver on our resolutions.

This is the YEAR that we finally stick to our resolutions for more than just a few weeks.

This is the YEAR that we FINALLY achieve that level of determination that resolves to not let excuses overwhelm and discourage us.

This is the YEAR that we FINALLY let intense determination and grit keep us resolute in our promises.

We must COMMIT to standing our ground against sugar, COMMIT to standing our ground against the snooze button, and COMMIT to standing our ground against the next shiny object that Satan throws at us in FEEBLE attempt to break our determination and steer us off course.

TODAY, at this moment, on behalf of all Christians around the world, I am declaring 3 resolutions and committing them to God on our behalf.

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1. We as Christians resolve DAILY to treat our bodies as the Temple of God, fit for the Holy Spirit to dwell.
2. We as Christians resolve DAILY to capture our thoughts and focus them on good rather than bad.
3. We as Christians resolve DAILY to help others in need rather than selfishly pursuing our own desires.

TODAY we resolve to commit ourselves to Jesus, to follow in His footsteps, and to take control of Mind, Body and Spirit, in the same resolute manner as our Savior did.

TODAY we we humbly approach God in awe of His love, His grace, and His mercy.

TODAY, we humbly bow before God and express to Him our thanksgiving for what He has done for us through the sacrifice of His Son on the cross, and we honor that sacrifice with this communion service.