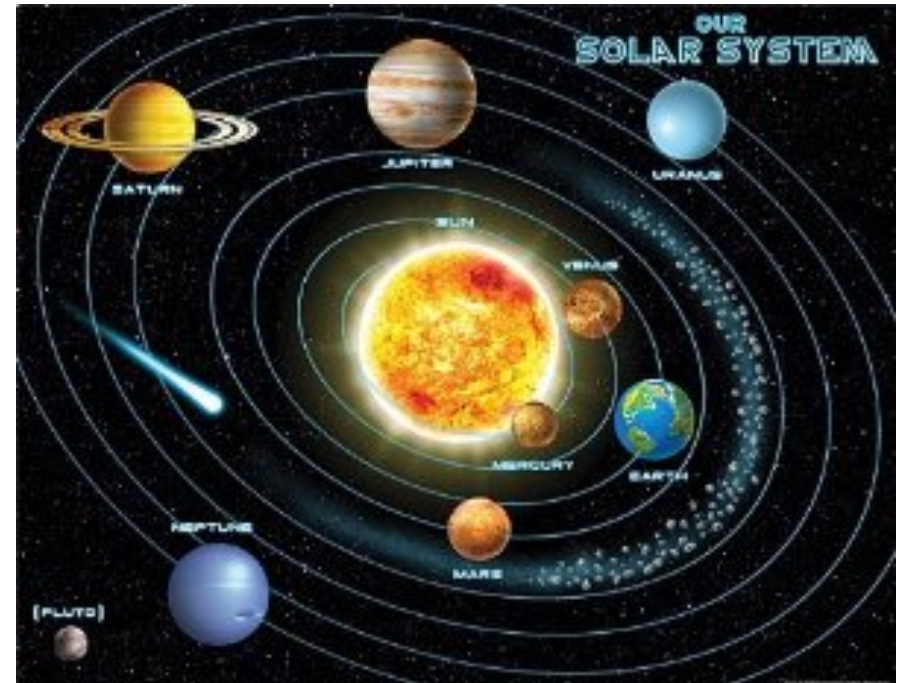


# *Great Resolutions For A New Year*

Ps. 119:9-16

# The Calendar Evidences God...

13 And the evening and the morning were the third day. 14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and **let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:** 15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. 16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. 17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, 18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. **(Gen. 1:13-18)**



- The day → Earth rotates once on its axis every 24 hours.
- The month → Moon circles the earth approximately once every 28 days.
- The year → The earth goes around the sun once every 365.26 days.
- The week → “for in six days Jehovah made heaven and earth...and rested on the seventh day.” (Ex. 20:11)

# Resolution...

- Defined: a firm decision to do or not to do something.
- Synonyms: intention, resolve, decision, intent, aim, plan;
- A determination to make a change in our lives; stand fast in some chose course of action.

# Great Resolutions

- *Joshua.*

- 14 Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD. 15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, ***we will serve the LORD. (Josh. 24:14-15)***

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- Daniel.

- 8 But Daniel *purposed in his heart* that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs *that he might not defile himself.* (Dan. 1:8)

- Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.

- 18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that *we will not serve thy gods*, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. (Dan. 3:18)

# Great Resolutions

- **Job**

- I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid? (Job 31:1; cf. Gen. 39)
  
- 27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: 28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. 29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. 30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast [it] from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. (Matt. 5:27-30)

# Great Resolutions

- **David.**

- 11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. 12 Blessed art thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes. 13 With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth. 14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches. **15 I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. 16 I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word. (Ps. 119:11-16)**

# Great Resolutions

- **Ruth.**

- 16 And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: **thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:** 17 Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me. 18 When she saw that she was stedfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her. **(Ruth 1:16-18)**

- **Esther.**

- 16 Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and **so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.** **(Esther 4:16)**



# Great Resolutions

- Paul.

- 16 And herein do I exercise myself, *to have always a conscience void of offence toward God*, and toward men. (Acts 24:16)
- 12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: *but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,* 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. (Phil. 3:12-14)
- Paul kept his resolve. (II Tim. 4:6-8)

# Great Resolutions

- **The Prodigal Son.**

– 17 And *when he came to himself*, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 18 *I will arise and go to my father*, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, 19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. (Lk. 15:17-19)

# ***Some Resolutions For Us Today...***

- **To Abound In Love. (Phil. 1:9)**
  - Toward God. (Matt. 22:37)
  - Toward the word of God. (Ps. 119:97)
  - Toward our family. (Eph. 5:23; Titus 2:4; Eph. 6:1-4)
  - Toward our brethren. (I Thess. 3:12)
  - Toward our enemies. (Matt. 5:44)

# Some Resolutions For Us Today...

- To Set The Best Example I Can Before Others.

(I Tim. 1:12)

– 12 “...but be thou an example of the believers,

- in word → (Col. 4:6; Eph. 4:25,29)
- in conversation → (I Pet. 1:15; 3:1-2; 3:16; II Pet. 2:7)
- in charity → (Jn. 13:34-35; Eph. 5:2)
- in spirit → (Jn. 4:24)
- in faith → (Rev. 2:10)
- in purity → (I Tim. 5:2; Phil. 4:8; I Pet. 1:15-16)

# Some Resolutions For Us Today...

- **To Become More Diligent As A Teacher.**
  - To my children/grandchildren. (Eph. 6:4; I Tim. 1:5)
  - In using my talents. (Titus 2:1-10; II Tim. 2:2)
  - To those with whom I come in contact. (Acts 8:1-4; Acts 15:35)
  - Things that will help me to become such: (II Tim. 1:15; I Pet. 3:15)

# ***Heb. 5:11-6:3***

- 11 Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.
- 12 For when for the time **ye ought to be teachers**, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of **strong meat**.
- 13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.
- 14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use **have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil**.
- 1 **Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection**; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,
- 2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.
- 3 And this will we do, if God permit.