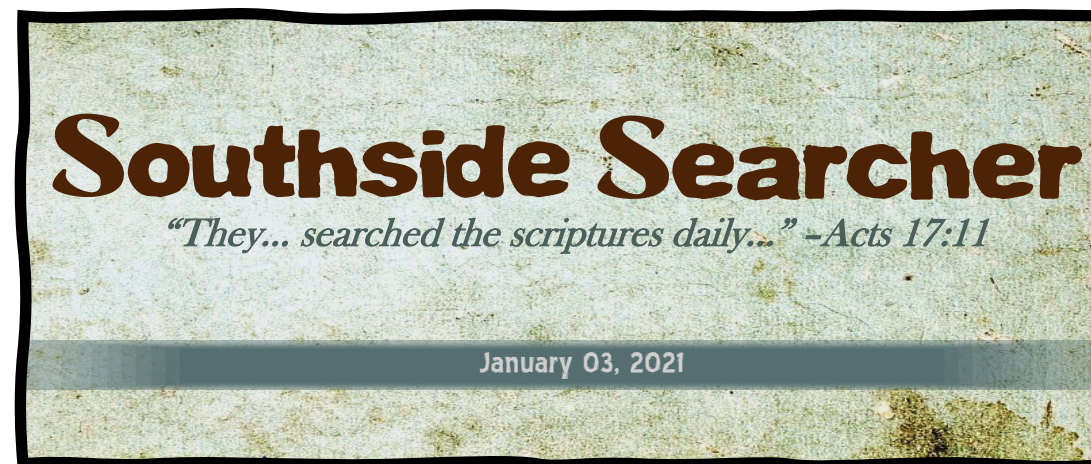


<p>DUTY LIST...</p> <p>SUNDAY MORNING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Announcements.....Michael Pickford ➤ Scripture Reading...Eli Todd Reading: TBA ➤ Song Leader.....Michael Pickford ➤ Opening Prayer.....Jeff Isbell ➤ Lord's Table: Lead.....Michael Pickford Serve.....Eli Todd Serve..... ➤ Closing Prayer.....Kenny Todd <p>SUNDAY EVENING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Song Leader.....Kenny Todd ➤ Opening Prayer....Michael Pickford ➤ Invitation.....Eli Todd ➤ Lord's Supper.....Mike P. / Eli T. ➤ Closing Prayer.....Kenny Johnson 	<p style="text-align: center;">God's Plan of Salvation</p> <p>There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Hear the Gospel</u>: Romans 10:17 ➤ <u>Believe</u>: Mark 16:16; John 8:24 ➤ <u>Repent of Sin</u>: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30 ➤ <u>Confess Faith</u>: Romans 10:9, 10 ➤ <u>Be Baptized</u>: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21 ➤ <u>Remain Faithful</u>: Rev. 2:10 <p style="text-align: center;">Obey Today!</p>
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Resolutions

Most people make resolutions at the beginning of a new year. They want to better themselves. Some resolve to quit smoking, or drinking, or to lose some weight. A resolution is a firm decision with a commitment to accomplish it. People boast of their resolutions, and then forget them within a few days or weeks.

Becoming a Christian involves many resolutions. Below is a non-exhaustive list of imperative resolutions. May we all resolve to keep them steady in our lives.

- Study God's word daily (Acts 17:11)
- Pray regularly (1 Thess. 5:17)
- Be faithful to God (Rev. 2:10)
- Attend all scheduled services faithfully (Heb. 10:25)
- Be hospitable (Rom 12:13)
- Forgive others (Eph 4:32)
- Love your enemies (Matt. 5:44)
- Contribute more (2 Cor. 9:6,7)
- Share your faith with others (Heb. 5:12)
- Be more charitable (Matthew 25:31-46; Acts 20:35)
- Be more encouraging to your brethren (Hebrews 3:12-13)
- Rejoice more (Philippians 4:4)
- And especially if you are not yet a Christian...Obey the Gospel! (Heb. 5:8, 9; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9)

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New Year's Resolutions

At the first of the year many people choose to do something that will positively affect their lives by cleaning out something bad. Perhaps there some cleaning out we need to do in our own lives.

HEART. Our heart often determines our actions. Jesus said, "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness" (Mark 7:21-22). No wonder the Lord said, "Blessed are the pure in heart..." (Matthew 5:8). We overcome wicked thoughts by taking control of our thoughts. We should take captive every one of our thoughts (2 Corinthians 10:5). We do this, not by trying intentionally to not think about bad things, but by busying our minds with good thoughts so the bad thoughts have no room to grow and ultimately manifest themselves in evil ways. Meditate on pure things (Philippians 4:8).

HOME. There are many who need to do some house cleaning. I'm not speaking of picking up debris, dusting, or straightening out furniture. I'm speaking of purging out bitterness and unkind ways towards our spouses, children, and parents. Many family woes can be solved through the application of one verse, "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32). We may also need to eliminate some unsavory TV programs, movies, music, and video games. David said "I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. I will set nothing wicked before my eyes..." (Psalm 101:2-3).

HABITS. Two of the most popular New Year's resolutions are to quit smoking and lose weight. Both of these affect the wellness of our bodies, and both involve great self-control. While applied to fornication in the context, an universal truth is disclosed in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 where Paul wrote, "Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." Self-control is part of the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). Peter includes self-control as one of the attributes that must be added to our faith (2 Peter 1:5-11).

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"And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

-Joshua 24:15

"For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day."

-2 Timothy 1:12

"So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek."

-Romans 1:15-16

"If Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not go beyond the word of the Lord, to do good or bad of my own will. What the Lord says, that I must speak"

-Numbers 24:13

*"I will meditate on Your precepts,
And contemplate Your ways.
I will delight myself in Your statutes;
I will not forget Your word."*

-Psalm 119:15-16

*"In God (I will praise His word),
In the Lord (I will praise His word),
In God I have put my trust;
I will not be afraid.
What can man do to me?"*

-Psalm 56:10-11