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Lifetime Resolutions-PreacherRichD

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Welcome to *There is Hope Radio*. Since at the time of this broadcast New Year's is coming I thought it would be good to talk about Lifetime Resolutions. Yes Lifetime Resolutions not New Year's resolutions. Why not New Year's resolutions? Because over 90% of New Year's resolutions are not fulfilled. I would suggest that one of the main reasons they're not fulfilled is because of the fact they are New Year's resolutions. People are waiting to do what they need to do until New Year's. Why wait? I believe it means that they're not very serious about doing what they vow to do. New Year's resolutions are more about wishes than commitments. I believe another reason why New Year's resolutions are not fulfilled is because they're about change and change takes work and most do not want to put in the work to fulfill any of their New Year's resolutions. And they're also trying to fulfill their resolutions on their own strength. So instead of New Year's resolutions, let's make Lifetime Resolutions and start right now not waiting till January 1st. And let's make resolutions that have lifetime value actually, not resolutions but commitment to change. A Commitment to make positive changes that will take a while to occur but they will transform our life and they'll also be beneficial to others. The most important changes we can make in our life have to do with the spiritual side of our life. As we change spiritually there will be change in our emotions in our well-being and in our relationships. Plus when we make positive spiritual changes in our life we're not left on our own. Our Heavenly Father through his Holy Spirit will empower us He will give us the grace we need to grow spiritually I remind you that Philippians 4 13 states *I can do all things through Christ Jesus*. Hallelujah I can do all things. We're not left on our own as we make necessary changes in our life. There will be God inspired changes placed upon our heart by God with the grace to make the necessary changes.

Before we look at some Lifetime Resolutions we can make I want to share a few Bible verses on being steadfast unwavering committed to being faithful to grow spiritually.

1 Corinthians 15:58 states *therefore my beloved brothers be steadfast Immovable always abounding in the work of the Lord knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain*. I Just want to pray that verse for each of us. Lord God help us to be steadfast in the things that we do as we make Lifetime Resolutions, as we make a commitment to change for the better help us to be steadfast immovable, nothing will stop us from doing what we know we need to do, and that Father God we know that as we make the positive changes of life, they're not in vain. Amen.

The second verse I want us to look at is 1 Corinthians 9 24-26 *Do you not know that those who run in a race all run but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control and all things they do it to receive a perishable wreath. But we an imperishable. Therefore I run in such a way is not without aim I box in such a way is not beating the air*. What that verse is talking about that passage of scriptures talking about is that we are determined to do what we need to do, to be all that we can be, and that nothing is going to stop us, and that we are focused we are

determined and again, we're not just making New Year's resolution that may come and go. We're making a commitment that we're gonna make healthy changes in our life and we're again gonna start on that even before New Year's comes.

So I'm going to share some commands that are found in Scripture that we can make as Lifetime Resolutions As I share them, will you ask the Holy Spirit which ones He wants to be Lifetime Resolutions in your life? Let's pray first Father God as we hear these Bible verses, would you speak to us? Which ones need we need to apply to our own life which ones that we can make as Lifetime Resolutions to say Lord I'm committed to live out this Bible command and we pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

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Well, here's some Bible verses on Loving Others

Romans 12:10 *be kindly affection one to another with brotherly love and honor preferring one another* To break down this verse it says to have kindness towards others and give honor, be humble, submitting to one another, respecting one another. So how about that as one of your Lifetime Resolutions that you'd make a resolution Lord God I want to be kind to others. I want to show brotherly love to them and Lord God I want to show honor to them and be humble as I relate and interact with them. That could be one of your Lifetime Resolutions. I think you get the idea of how we apply in the verses.

Romans 12:14 *Bless them which persecute you bless and curse not.* How about making a lifetime resolution? That no matter who comes against you, no matter who attacks you, that you will pray for them. You ask God to Bless them and that you not speak curses against them> Now you say why would I want to do that? Why would I want to have that kind of lifestyle? Well, I'll tell you why. Because first off God commands us to bless those who persecute us. Bless them and not curse them. So that would be a good enough reason because God commands us to live that kind of life. But the other reason why is when it says to bless them that doesn't mean you need to give them \$50 and that you need to you know, buy them a car. But what it does mean is that you pray that God will bless them. Now listen to me. If you are praying for God to bless somebody that's persecuting you it doesn't necessarily mean that they're gonna stop persecuting you, but when you ask blessings on them what's the greatest blessing that can come upon their life. To come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord or Savior? So when you're praying for God to bless someone that causes harm to you, you can actually pray that God will bring them into a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. That's the greatest thing that you could possibly do. They probably will stop persecuting you.

Well, I'm starting to preach and I don't have time to preach. I got to get going here. Lord help me not to preach and just share the Bible verses.

Matthew 5:44, *but I say unto you love your enemies bless them that curse you.* Isn't that funny? We come right back to it again. I didn't realize I had that this verse there that said the same thing I need to read it again Matthew 5:44 *But I say unto you love your enemies bless them that curse you do good to them that hate you and pray for them. Which despitefully use you and persecute you.* Well, I don't know two verses in a row I didn't actually realize that I put those two in a row, but just maybe God is saying that your lifetime resolution is to stop being hateful to draw to those who are hateful towards you and actually pray for them instead.

Another lifetime resolution you can make 1 Thessalonians 5:15 *See that non render evil for evil unto man but every fought everyone followed that which is good both among yourselves and to all men.*

Ephesians 4:32 *and be you kind one to another tender-hearted forgiving one another Even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you.* So what about a lifetime resolution that you're gonna walk with a tender heart and you're gonna walk with the heart that forgives others. That you're gonna have a heart that is tender and to others that even if they are mean to you, you're not mean back to them, but you're loving and kind to them. That again that you'll forgive them. What a lifetime resolution to have that. I believe that would make a difference in your life and can make the difference in others lives and as this is being broadcasted in the Fairfield Bay area and all over Arkansas and a podcast. But as this is originating in Fairfield Bay with all its troubles with all its drama with all its conflicts with all the hatred What would happen if every resident of Fairfield Bay made a commitment that I will be kind to others? I will be tended hearted to them, forgive them even as Christ has forgiven me. And I will pray for them to have a relationship with Christ that transforms them and change them. Wow, what could happen and what a great lifetime resolution? Well there I go preaching again.

Galatians 6:10 *as we have there for opportunity let us do good unto all men and especially unto them who are of the household of faith.*

What about this one Ephesians 4:31 make this one of your Lifetime Resolutions? *Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and evil speaking be put away from you with all malice* Malice is hate. So what would happen, throughout America individuals made it as their lifetime resolution to not let bitterness wrath and anger and clamor and evil speaking be in their lives and not to have any hate? I think we could say there'd be a transformation

Galatians 3:8 *but now you also put off all these anger wrath malice blasphemy filthy communication out of your mouth* Well, that's some good Lifetime Resolutions having to do with love.

How about Lifetime Resolutions about living a Holy Life?

Here's one that you can make 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 *Know you not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God be not deceived neither fornicators nor adulterers, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetousness, nor drunkards, nor revilers nor extortioner, shall inherit the kingdom of God.* So listen to me you say how can that be a resolution? Well here's what the resolution could be: Lord I'm making a resolution that I'm not gonna live the life of a drunkard. I'm not gonna live the life of a troublemaker. I'm not gonna live the life of one who's a thief. I'm not gonna be live the life of one who's covetousness. I'm gonna make a lifetime commitment, lifetime vow, lifetime resolution not to be a fornicator. Because some of you listening are walking and living in that lifestyle right now. You can make a decision that that will no longer be the lifestyle that you live. And you notice it says those who live that lifestyle should not inherit the kingdom of God. Listen to me it's not saying those who struggle with these things. It is those who turn their life over to them and do not want to repent of them. Do not want to walk away from them, but want to continue to live in them. So if you're struggling with any of these areas that has been mentioned what if you make a commitment to say God change me and that you will live a holy godly life before God?

Well, we have a problem and the problem is I have many more verses and I can't cover them all. So what I'm gonna do is I'm gonna make this two broadcasts instead of one. So next week we'll go ahead and get back into some more Bible verses, there's some good stuff here. I think it would be good to make these Lifetime Resolutions. As I wrap up this broadcast I want to remind you that you can listen to the podcast of this show and obtain the transcript by going to thereishoperadio.org. That is thereishoperadio.org I Encourage you get the transcript so you can review all the verses that I've shared and ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you Which one should you declare to be Lifetime Resolutions? How about right now going before Father God and confessing that you're incapable of living a godly life God you know me, you know I fall short in living a godly life and I know that if I try to make any New Year's resolutions or Lifetime Resolutions I'm gonna fall short. So I need your help I need to change my life.

If you have any questions about going to heaven about Christianity about serving God, about anything we've shared you can reach me PreacherRichD or just Rich 1-866-WANTGOD, that is 1-866-WANTGOD. Happy New Year's!

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