

The Resolution That Changes Every Other Resolution

3 Good Resolutions

Watch what you eat.

Proverbs 23:19-21 (ESV)

Hear, my son, and be wise, and direct your heart in the way. Be not among drunkards or among gluttonous eaters of meat, for the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty, and slumber will clothe them with rags.

Watch out who you are with.

1 Corinthians 15:33-34 (ESV)

Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

Watch your wallet.

Proverbs 28:19 (ESV)

Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless pursuits will have plenty of poverty.

The only resolution necessary.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 (NIV)

And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

The Gospel turns our upside down world right side up.

Knowing Christ frees us to enjoy the richest feast.

Nehemiah 8:10-12 (ESV)

Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.” So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, “Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.” And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

1 Corinthians 10:26-27 (ESV)

For “the earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof.” If one of the unbelievers invites you to dinner and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience.

1 Corinthians 10:27 (MSG)

If a nonbeliever invites you to dinner and you feel like going, go ahead and enjoy yourself, eat everything placed before you. It would be both bad manners and bad spirituality to cross-examine your host on the ethical purity of each course as it is served.

Knowing Christ enables us to befriend sinners.

Luke 7:34 (ESV)

The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’

1 Corinthians 5:9-10 (ESV)

I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people – not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world.

Knowing Christ empowers us to pursue wild dreams.

2 Corinthians 6:10 (ESV)

...as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

Psalm 126:1-6 (ESV)

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad. Restore our fortunes, LORD, like streams in the Negeb! Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy! He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.