



# Rockwood Church of Christ

## The Proclaimer

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## The Road of Resolution

It is this time of year many like to make New Year's Resolutions. A resolution is defined as, "*a firm decision to do or not to do something.*" It is good to make godly resolutions or firm decisions. Maybe the following can help you to keep on the right road with God throughout the new year.

**Relationship with God.** Reaffirm your relationship with God. "*He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God*" (**Mic. 6:8**)?

**Review.** Look back on the past year and ask God to show you areas of sin and weakness that might have hindered your spiritual growth. "*Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!*" (**Ps. 139:23-24**).

**Repent.** Confess and repent of your sins and ask God to forgive you. "*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness*" (**1 John 1:9**).

**Refresh.** Ask God to refresh your and to give you a new vision for the year ahead. "*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope*" (**Jer. 29:11**).

**Renew.** Ask God to help you see your life from His perspective and renew your commitment to his vision and purpose for your life. "*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect*" (**Rom 12:2**).

**Resolve.** Resolve to be faithful to God's purpose in your life and honor God in all areas of your life. "*I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus*" (**Phil. 3:14**).

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# Accomplishing Your New Year's Resolutions

What New Year's resolutions have you made? Most will have made ones that were designed to make their lives or the lives around them better. Such resolutions may include: losing weight, stopping a bad habit, exercising more, becoming more organized, or having a better attitude. Now, I'm not going to be sarcastic like the man who made the New Year's toast, "*May your troubles be as short lived as your resolutions!*" I sincerely hope you succeed in every resolution you make (that is within the Lord's will, of course).

So how are you going to get your resolutions accomplished? **Hebrews 12:1-2** can give us a lot of encouragement and help along that line. Even though the true context of the passage is ridding our lives of sin and striving toward heaven, we can make application to accomplishing worthy earthly goals, as well.

***“since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses”*** – Involve others. There are many in your life who can motivate and encourage you. Look to the example of those who have already completed what you are trying to accomplish.

***“let us lay aside every weight”*** – Get rid of all the obstacles that are hindering success. There are plenty of ways to fail, and the world will make sure to bring them all out. To succeed, all obstacles must be avoided or overcome.

***“and let us run”*** – Exercise yourself in a specific plan of action to complete the goal. Accomplishing goals is often a matter of each of us being determined to run – then running.

***“with endurance”*** – You need to be persistent in accomplishing your resolutions. You can't give up, even though there may be setbacks. If you stumble, get back on your feet and get running again.

***“looking unto Jesus”*** – Keep your eyes upon Jesus who overcame earthly obstacles, completed God's plan, persisted, and made it back to heaven. Remember what all He went through and how what you are trying to do is much less demanding and that you can do it.

Henry Ward Beecher once said: *“We have passed through one more year. One more long stage in the journey of life, with its ascents and descents and dust and mud and rocks and thorns and burdens that wear the shoulders, is done. The old year is dead. Roll it away. Let it go.”* May I only add, *“let it go, and let's go on to greater things in 2022.”*

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