

Messenger of Truth

"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16)

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## **Resolve**

"Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties." – Helen Keller

"There is no scarcity of opportunity to make a living at what you love; there's only scarcity of resolve to make it happen." – Wayne Dyer

"That we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain – that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom – and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." – Abraham Lincoln

"Resolve never to quit, never to give up, no matter what the situation." – Jack Nicklaus

"Wise to resolve, and patient to perform." – Homer

In Webster's second definition, it states, "To make a definite and serious decision to do something." Often times we may purpose something in our hearts but we may lack the resolve to follow through with it.

Thankfully we do have biblical examples where something was purposed in the heart and those involved had the resolve to follow through with it. For example, "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself" (Dan. 1:8). For ten days Daniel and his friends were tested on a diet of vegetables and water. And we learn that they greatly improved. "Thus the steward took away their portion of delicacies and the wine that they were to drink, and gave them vegetables" (Dan. 1:16). God blessed them for their steadfast resolve.

The word itself appears only once in the NKJV: "So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way" (Rom. 14:12-13).

The best thing we can do is to resolve that we are going to be Christians and live the Christian life. Again, it is not just a matter of desire but having a firm decision that we are going to do something and then actually do it!

In each of the four verses of the song we should hear the words: "I am resolved no longer to linger...I am resolved to go to the Savior...I am resolved to follow the Savior...I am resolved to enter the kingdom." (Song: "I Am Resolved", words by Palmer Hartsough, 1896) May we take it to heart and do it!