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Intro:

Even though our societal norms *change*, the Word of God is *changeless*, **Matt. 5:18**.

Most New Years resolutions revolve around *physical* things.

While setting goals is *good*, they must fit within the *framework* of scripture, within the parameters of our *gifts* and *calling*.

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I. Remember Who Owns You

God *owns* us because He *purchased* us with Christ's blood.

We are His *slaves* *doulos* (Gk.) **1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 Cor. 6:19.**

We are a *people* of His own *possession*, **1 Peter 2:9.**

II. Renew Our Oath of Obedience

We are *saved* to be brought into *obedience* to Christ.

1 Peter 1:2.

When we *confess* Jesus as Lord, we were *declaring* an oath of *obedience*, **Ex. 24:3-8.**

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III. Remain Faithful to Biblical Convictions

We are to make sure:

1. Our *doctrine* is sound,
2. Our *convictions* are strong
3. We are to be mentally strong and *spiritually* courageous.

IV. Recognize All Sin is a Violation of a Relationship.

Sin for a Christian is not just *violating* an objective *law*, it's breeching our *relationship* with God.

All sin is against *God*, it *interferes* with our relationship with Him, it puts us at *enmity* with Him. **1 Pet. 3:10-12.**

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V. Render Love Always to Others

Worldly love is often out of sentimentality, or from a fraternal relationship.

Christian Love is a *choice*, *sacrificial* in nature.
Our lives are to be *marked* by love. **Jn. 13:35.**

VI. Regard Highly the Effects of Adversity

Our various *trials* are given to *prove* our faith is genuine.
1 Peter 1:7.

Our trials drive us back to the *Shepherd*, **1 Pet. 2:25.**

We are to *glorify* God in our trials. **1 Pet. 4:16.**

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VII. Recognize the Supreme Purpose of Your Life.

We are to worship God in our:

- 1.** *Minds,*
- 2.** *Through song,*
- 3.** *In our behavior.* **1 Peter 2:4-5.**

We are to *proclaim* the *excellencies* of God.

1 Peter 2:9