



I resolve...

The Death of Apathy

1 Thessalonians 2:9-12

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The Text: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-12

⁹ For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰ You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. ¹¹ For you know how, like a father with his children, ¹² we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

History of Resolutions here at Hope Church:

2019:

- (#29) Resolved, never to count that a prayer, nor to let that pass as a prayer, nor that as a petition of a prayer, which is so made, that I cannot hope that God will answer it; nor that as a confession, which I cannot hope God will accept.
- (#64) Resolved, when I find those “groanings which cannot be uttered” (Rom. 8:26), of which the Apostle speaks, and those “breakings of soul for longing it hath,” of which the Psalmist speaks (Psalm 119:20), that I will promote them to the utmost of my power, and that I will not be wear’, of earnestly endeavoring to vent my desires, nor of the repetitions of such earnestness.

2020:

- (#58) Resolved, not only to refrain from an air of dislike, fretfulness, and anger in conversation, but to exhibit an air of love, cheerfulness and benignity.

2021:

- (#67) Resolved, after afflictions, to inquire, what I am the better for them, what good I have got by them, and what I might have got by them.

2022:

- (#37) Resolved, to inquire every night, as I am going to bed, wherein I have been negligent, what sin I have committed, and wherein I have denied myself: also at the end of every week, month and year.

This Year’s (2023) Resolution(s):

- (#5) Resolved, never to lose one moment of time; but improve it the most profitable way I possibly can.
- (#6) Resolved, to live with all my might, while I do live.

Notes: