

Organizing Our Lives: Why Christians Need To Organize Their Lives

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In Matthew 25 we read the parable of the talents, where a master gave his servants money at his departure, with the expectation that on his return they would have used this asset wisely. When we consider our gifts from God, what greater gift is there than our time? We often describe time as we do money; we can waste, save or spent it. Fooling the parable's point, when you stand before the judgment seat, will you have used the year 2015 now over wisely?

To this end is why we often make "New Year Resolutions". We realize that a new year is an opportunity to improve ourselves. Even from a strictly worldly sense, people vow to improve their health or wealth in such a fashion. So too ought Christians to view a new year as an opportunity to improve their spiritual service.

We might consider the book of Hebrews as a book of resolutions. In Hebrews 4:1, 11, and 14 we read a number of suggested resolutions to our attitude. To fear God, be diligent to enter God's rest, and hold fast to our confession are issues of attitude. Hebrews 6:1 and 10:22 are resolutions towards our spiritual growth. Hebrews 12:1 resolves us towards spiritual fruit. We need not look too deep to find many spiritual resolutions profitable to us to improve our service to God.

How do we go about implementing our spiritual resolutions? In this let us consider the man Nehemiah. He was charged with a daunting task of rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem, something that had been tried but for over 6 decades had failed. Nehemiah presents three steps necessary for spiritual resolutions. First, Nehemiah entered into prayerful acceptance of his purpose (Nehemiah 1:5). Nehemiah's next step is of great importance too; he conducted careful examinations of the work he needed to do (Nehemiah 2:11-12). We are told as Christians to test ourselves and examine ourselves (2 Cor. 13:5). Finally we come to Nehemiah's great gift: organization. Nehemiah used the people to accomplish the work (Nehemiah 3). Consider the people as we do time; he used each person in the place they were best able to work. So the wall, which stood unbuilt for 60 years, was built in 52 days (Nehemiah 6:15).

All of us want a better year than the last. We want to grow spiritually so that it is easier and more productive to be a faithful servant. But IT WILL NOT HAPPEN unless we plan and organize our lives in order to accomplish this task. Spiritual success needs plans. Successful plans need organization. Therefore, spiritual success requires spiritual organization.