

## “I Am Resolved”

### I. Introduction

- A. As the hymn “I Am Resolved” alludes to, there’s a need for *determination* to pursue God and His will for us. Consider nine examples of things God’s Word teaches we should be devoted to, not just at the beginning of a year, but throughout our lives. **Hymns for Worship, Song 325**

### II. Resolve to Please God

- A. At the core of the faithful Christian’s life is a resolve to please and glorify God. **2 Corinthians 5:9; 1 Corinthians 10:31**

### III. Resolve to Be Devoted to Prayer

- A. The one whose life’s aim is to please God will have a determination to speak to the One who our lives are about through the privilege of prayer. **Philippians 4:6; 1 Thessalonians 5:17**

### IV. Resolve to Be Spiritually Nourished

- A. God also shows the need we have to be dedicated to spiritual nourishment. **Matthew 5:6**
- B. Receiving this spiritual nourishment demands a spiritual appetite and resolve for studying the message through which God nourishes us. **Song 325, verse 2; 1 Peter 2:2**

### V. Resolve to Grow

- A. The spiritual nourishment God gives us is necessary for His children to grow. Such growth is something else we should determinedly pursue. **2 Peter 3:18**

### VI. Resolve to Be Like Jesus

- A. Part of growing as God desires involves developing the character He wants. Character growth is a continual process Christians should have a resolve for throughout our lives. **2 Peter 1:5-7**

### VII. Resolve to Love Like Jesus

- A. A key part of becoming increasingly more like Christ is growing in love. This is a central focus of the one who has a resolve for pleasing the Lord. **John 13:34-35; Philippians 2:3-8**

### VIII. Resolve to Be Spiritually-minded

- A. The Christian should determine to see life not from the carnal perspective of the world, but from the spiritual perspective God gives through His Word. As the hymn says, “Things that are higher, things that are nobler, These have allured my sight.” This is the attitude of the one who resolves to please God. **Song 325, verse 1; Colossians 3:1-2**

### IX. Resolve to Be Fervent in Spirit

- A. The spiritual-mindedness God expects of us leads to a fiery passion for Him. Such fervency is something else we should have a continuous resolve to pursue. **Romans 12:11; Revelation 3:19**

### X. Resolve to Always Do What’s Right

- A. For the one who is zealous for the Lord, there will be a constant resolve to do what’s right, no matter how difficult it may be. This is at the heart of the “resolution” that guides the faithful Christian. **Song 325, verse 4; Matthew 16:21-25**