

Think & Do Better

(Psalm 119:59-60)

- Introduction:**
1. Ills. Of teacher and her new year's resolution.
 2. If the truth be known, probably all of us have room for improvement.
 3. The intent of this lesson is to cause us to reflect on our life; to think and resolve to do better.

I. A Framework For Better Resolutions

- A. Begin with a self-examination.
 1. "I thought about my ways" (Psalm 119:59).
 2. (Luke 15:17; 2 Corinthians 13:5; (Psalm 90:10-12).
- B. Appeal to the proper source.
 1. "I turned my feet to your testimonies" (Psalm 119:59).
 2. (Proverbs 16:25).
- C. Respond without delay.
 1. "I made haste and did not delay" (Psalm 119:60).
 2. (2 Corinthians 6:2; John 9:4).
 3. Delay is often costly (Matthew 25:1-13).

II. Some Suggestions For The New Year

- A. Better fulfill your individual responsibilities as a Christian.
 1. Christianity is personal.
 2. There are no scenes of a corporate judgment, but rather individual judgment (Matthew 25:31-46; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Galatians 6:8).
 3. Elders, Deacons, Preachers, Parents, Spouse, Children
 4. Set some goals; challenge yourself to daily act on behalf of Christ on a daily basis.
- B. Better fulfill your corporate responsibilities as a Christian.
 1. While Christianity is indeed personal, it is also mutual.
 2. It involves reciprocal responsibilities (Hebrews 10:24-25).
 3. Bible class, attendance, contribution, etc.

- Conclusion:**
1. I want to remind you that we will not only be judged by what we have done, but also by what could have been done.
 2. (Matthew 25:14-30).
 3. None of us will ever be all that we could be (Luke 17:10), but we can be more of what we should be.