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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

(Joshua 24:13-16)

INTRODUCTION

"Resolution" - set a goal; a formal statement of intent; commit to something; a determination.

The ten main points of this lesson are taken from:

McKenzie, Taylor A., **"Some Gifts That All Of Us Can Give – All Year Long,"**

The Weekly Messenger, CofC Publishing, San Diego, December 21, 2014, page 1.

1. KEEP A PROMISE - follow thru on what you say are going to do (Matt. 5:37)

It's the old phrase, "Your word is your bond." If you promise it, do it!
And you shouldn't have to add, "I swear on a stack of Bibles."

2. LET SOMEONE HAVE THE LAST WORD - to develop the skill of listening (James 1:19)

Biblically, listen to God's word, let God have the last word, the final say.

3. LISTEN TO A CHILD - the Lord does (Matt. 18:3)

(Mark 10:16) "... and blessed them."

Bless the children in this congregation by greeting them and listening to them.

4. LISTEN TO AN ADULT - you may learn something (Acts 10:33)

We may learn from the experience of others.

5. LET SOMEONE IN LINE - IN FRONT OF YOU - it never hurts to be kind (1 Cor. 13:4)

Again, this is a "gift" that all of us may give; it's good manners.

6. KEEP A SECRET - (James 3:2)

7. SAY SOMETHING NICE TO SOMEONE YOU LIKE - learn to encourage someone,
learn how to strengthen someone (Eph. 4:29)

8. SAY SOMETHING NICE TO SOMEONE YOU DON'T LIKE - Spirit led Christians allow
the Spirit of God to deal with fleshly inclinations (Col. 4:6) (see Gal. 5:16, v25)

9. SMILE MORE AND FROWN LESS - a pleasing disposition will draw others closer to you
(Eph. 4:31)

10. GIVE PEOPLE YOUR BEST - somehow the best will be returned to you (Matt. 7:12)