

Think & Do Better

(Psalm 119:59-60)

- Introduction:
1. As we begin the new year, we want to keep the resolutions that we make.
 2. It is better not to vow at all than to vow and not keep your vow (Ecc. 5:5).
 3. (Romans 12:2).

I. A Framework For Better Resolutions

- A. Begin with a self-examination.
 1. "I thought about my ways" (Psalm 119:59).
 2. (Psalm 90:10-12).
- B. Appeal to the proper source.
 1. "I turned my feet to your testimonies" (Psalm 119:59).
- C. Respond without delay.
 1. "I made haste and did not delay" (Psalm 119:60).
 2. (2 Corinthians 6:2; John 9:4).

II. The Works Of God – Inspire Awe In Us

- A. (Psalm 8:3-4)
- B. When we consider the things he has done, we can't help but feel awe struck.
- C. The creation (Genesis 1-2).
- D. The parting of the Red Sea (Exodus 14; 15:8).
- E. The feeding of the 5000 (Matthew 14:17-21).
- F. The raising of Lazarus (John 11).

III. The Ways Of God – Humble Us

- A. (Psalm 119:15; Micah 7:18).
- B. When we consider the character and attributes of God, we can't help but feel humbled in his presence.
- C. Longsuffering (2 Peter 3:9; Matthew 18:21-22).
- D. Holiness (Habakkuk 1:12-13; Colossians 2:9; 1 Peter 2:22; Isaiah 6:1-8).
- E. Justice (Genesis 18:25; Luke 23:42-43).

IV. The Word Of God – Challenges Us

- A. (Psalm 119:97).
- B. When we consider the commandments of God, we can't help but feel challenged.
- C. Love your enemies (Matthew 5:44).
- D. Avoid fleshly lusts (1 Peter 2:11).
- E. Control your tongue (James 3).
- F. Control your attitude (Ephesians 4:31).

- Conclusion:
1. The key to doing better is thinking better.
 2. By meditating on the works, ways, and word of God, we will be challenged to do better.