

We all know that a list of resolutions can lead to discouragement if the goals prove too difficult to maintain. After all, lasting change begins in a person's heart—not on a numbered list or piece of paper.

1. How would you define a resolve or resolution? (a firm decision to do or not to do something.)
2. After developing your own definition, read 2 Thessalonians 1:11–12. Based on these verses, how might Paul define a Christian resolve or resolution? What pieces need to be there?

11 To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, 12 so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God

3. What does it mean to be made worthy of God's calling?

1 Thessalonians 2:12 (ESV) we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

4. Why is Jesus glorified when we make resolutions in the way Paul describes? What about these resolves and these good works makes him look great?

Ephesians 4:1 (ESV) I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,

Then Agrippa said to Paul, "Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?" Acts 26:28

Almost. Some say it's the saddest word in the English language. I almost made it to the top. I almost lived my dream. I almost hit the ball. I almost made the shot. Almost. But I didn't. King Agrippa almost became a Christian. Yes, almost may be the saddest word in the English language.