

## Are you a resolute Christian?

But what does it mean to be a resolute Christian? What is involved in being one? Of course, the word *resolute* is related to such words as *resolved*, *resolution*. So, we're talking about someone who is ardent, determined, committed, devoted, diligent, faithful, passionate, disciplined, dedicated, intent, wholehearted. Do these terms describe your Christian life, walk?

You may be wondering how many times the phrase "I will" appears in the Bible, whether it's used on God or people. 1909 times. And it is used in 53 out of the 66 books of the Bible. That's pretty impressive. The bottom line is that every day, we are making choices...decisions on various levels. The most critical of those decisions are one's revolving around our walk, relationship with the Lord.

### **\*\*Fascinating Facts-**

+The Psalm was written in such a way so as to aid in memorization. The 22 stanzas each represent, in order, the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet. Each stanza is exactly 8 verses in length. The first word in each verse of the stanza in the Hebrew begins with that particular letter. So in the first stanza, each verse begins with a word that starts with the Hebrew letter **A** (Aleph).

+The Psalm contains 70 prayer requests.

+Only 5 of the 176 verses in this Psalm do not make a direct reference to the Word of God (vs. 84, 90, 121, 122, 132)

+God is mentioned and/or addressed in every verse except 1--v. 115.

+The Psalmist is very conscious of the need to obey God's Word, and he is resolved to do so at all costs. He uses the word *keep* 22 times, *kept* 7 times.

+The Psalmist is also determined that whatever he does, he will do it thoroughly, wholeheartedly. He refers to his heart 14 times, and 6 of those occurrences speaks of his *whole heart*.

### **\*\*Fabulous Features-** (9 Hebrew words)

Each of these 9 Hebrew words represents a different perspective on God's Word as it is related to His will for our lives. We must never separate the two. Some of the various terms for Scripture in this chapter are "law, statutes, judgments, commands, word, etc.

I conclude as I began, by asking you a serious question: Are you a resolute Christian? Especially when it comes to your commitment to God's Word. Do you study it, practice it, honor it, obey it, submit to it? Are you an "I will" Christian?

Let me leave you with some suggestions to encourage you to be a more resolute Christian:

- \*\*God, give me an upright heart with undivided affections. May I love You and seek to obey You with my whole heart.**
- \*\*God, help me to walk blamelessly every day. May my obedience be a settled habit and my life patterns godly.**
- \*\*God, grant me a fixed resolution and a declared purpose to obey You always.**
- \*\*God, remove from me the way of lying and help me to be absolutely truthful.**
- \*\*God, help me never to stray from Your commands. Help me never to behave as if I have an apostate heart.**
- \*\*God, help me always to expand my affections for You. Help me to be zealously obedient in my daily life and never abandon the authority of Your Word.**
- \*\*God, give me a supreme devotion to Your authority and help me to be absolutely dependent on You.**
- \*\*God, keep me from vanity. Help me to avoid covetousness or any objects of truth besides You.**
- \*\*God, help me never to linger in wrong behavior, but to make obedience an emergency, an instant action in my life. Help me to obey You perpetually and continually.**
- \*\*God, help me not to obey out of painful obligation or dread of punishment, but out of love for You as a sincere affection of my soul.**