**I Resolve to…**

(Ephesians 5:15-17)

1. **Live Carefully. (v. 15)**
   1. Watch where you are walking. (What you are doing.)
   2. Christian liberty isn’t justification for sin.

I Corinthians 6:12 *“All things are lawful for me, but not all things are* ***profitable****. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be* ***mastered*** *by anything.”*

Proverbs 2:6 & 7 *“****For the Lord gives wisdom****; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk in integrity.”*

It would be unwise not to ask, “What is the wise thing to do?”

* In view of my past, what is the wise thing to do?
* As I see the present, what is the wise thing to do?
* With respect to the future, what is the wise thing to do?

1. **Use Time Wisely. (v. 16)**

Psalm 39:4 (NLT) *“Lord, remind me* ***how brief my time*** *on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered-how fleeting my life is.”*

James 4:14 *“Yet* ***you do not know*** *what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.”*

Proverbs 6:9  *“How long will you lie down, O sluggard?* ***When will you arise*** *from your sleep?”*

I Corinthians 15:58 *“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord,* ***know your toil is not in vain in the Lord****.”*

1. **Focus on God’s Will. (v. 17)**

Proverbs 3:5-7 *“****Trust in the Lord*** *with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and turn away from evil.”*

2 Timothy 4:5, 7 “*But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist,* ***fulfill your ministry****… I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith.”*