

Finding Yourself in the Psalms
Psalm 101
A Psalm For Making Spiritual Commitments

Read Psalm 101. Note "I Will"

Scrogie "A Psalm of Pious Resolutions."

"In a sense, this psalm is a charter by which David ruled under God" BKC

I. Characteristics of a Commitment

A. Worship. V. 1 "I will sing"

B. Walking. V. 2

1. Lead a blameless life. "Without blemish" refers to animals sacrificed to the Lord. No moral defect.
2. Blameless heart. Perfection. Completeness.

C. Watching.

1. "Set no vile thing. . ."
 - a. NO ungodly influence. "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly. . . Ps 1
 - b. NO carnal Christians. ""Not to associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral" 2 Cor 5:11 (2 Thess 3:14; Rom 16:17)
 - c. NO sinful acts. Eph 5:11-12 "Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness but rather expose them."
2. "I will have nothing to do with evil" v. 4

D. Witnessing. V. 5

1. Confront sin. "Whoever slanders his neighbor."
2. Avoiding double minded.
 - a. Christians who can't decide. Josh 24 "choose you this day . . ."
 - b. Christians always in a crisis mode. "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." James 1:8

E. Washing. Cleansing our lives of all evil influence. SEPERATION.

II. What Keeps You from Commitment?

A. Fear of phoniness. *Usually means you have no intention of keeping the decision. You're just talking a good talk.*

B. Fear of failure. Proverbs 22:13 (KJV)¹³ The slothful *man* saith, *There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets*

- C. Promise of procrastination. *We prepare FOREVER.*
- D. Absence of accountability.
- E. Overgeneralization. **Be specific. Goals should be measurable, attainable, realistic.**
- F. We just don't want to change.
 1. Mal 1:6, 7; 3:8, 14-17

What will you do when God speaks?

What would have happened. . .

If Moses would not have listened to the voice of the Lord

If Samuel . . .

If Hezekiah. . .

If Martin Luther. . .

If DL Moody. . .

If Harry Bollback. . .

IF JESUS . . .

It takes a flywheel 6x more power to start from a dead stop than to keep it going once in motion
 A locomotive must pull 30 pounds for every ton of weight in a railroad car to start from a dead stop. Once in motion, it only requires 3 pounds per ton to keep moving straight and level

Well begun is half done.

Don't sit on the fence - Only birds. . .