

Sermon: Resolutions

1. Ephesians 5:25-31 is a popular and profound text on marriage. Instead of only focusing on husband/wife responsibilities, what is being said about Christ demonstration of love for the church?

B. Have you ever considered marriage a ministry? How might that shape our views of marriage and work in the home? _____

C. Feel free to share your favorite marriage enrichment activities.

2. Read Deut. 6:4-7, Eph. 6:1-4, Col. 3:20-2. Worship is at the center of the duties of parents and children alike.

A. How can this help your parenting?

B. How can this help you evangelize your children and grandchildren? Discuss ideas on how you can have an eternal impact on children.

3. Read Ephesians 4:3-8, 11-16.

A. Discuss how v.3-6 should shape your view of the church and unity. _____

B. Read v. 15-16. Who are the parts and joints (metaphorically)? What is the body? See also 1 Cor. 12:4-7.

4. Read 1 Cor. 1:4-7; 4:1-2; 12:18, 21-26. How does this help you understand the role you play in serving God and others according to the gifts he has given to you by grace?

5. Review Matthew 25:20-23. What point is being made about the work given to the servants? _____

6. Read Ephesians 2:10, Colossians 3:22-25, Galatians 6:7-10. How can you improve at the ministry that God has appointed to you?

7. Why would it be wise to regularly analyze and evaluate the use of our time? Why or why not? Consider Hebrews 9:27, Rom. 2:6, Proverbs 24:12, Job 34:11, James 4:14-17.

8. The change of the calendar does not bring intrinsic change. Considering the Resolutions by Jonathan Edwards, how might we prioritize spiritual disciplines in our life practically?
