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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS **(Joshua 24:13-16)**

INTRODUCTION

"Resolution" - set a goal; a formal statement of intent; commit to something; a determination.

The ten main points of this lesson are taken from:
McKenzie, Taylor A., **"Some Gifts That All Of Us Can Give – All Year Long,"**
The Weekly Messenger, CofC Publishing, San Diego, December 21, 2014, page 1.

1. **KEEP A PROMISE** - follow thru on what you say are going to do (Matt. 5:37)

   It's the old phrase, "Your word is your bond." If you promise it, do it!
   And you shouldn't have to add, "I swear on a stack of Bibles."

2. **LET SOMEONE HAVE THE LAST WORD** - to develop the skill of listening (James 1:19)

   Biblically, listen to God's word, let God have the last word, the final say.

3. **LISTEN TO A CHILD** - the Lord does (Matt. 18:3)

   (Mark 10:16) "... and blessed them."
   Bless the children in this congregation by greeting them and listening to them.

4. **LISTEN TO AN ADULT** - you may learn something (Acts 10:33)

   We may learn from the experience of others.

5. **LET SOMEONE IN LINE - IN FRONT OF YOU** - it never hurts to be kind (1 Cor. 13:4)

   Again, this is a "gift" that all of us may give; it's good manners.

6. **KEEP A SECRET** - (James 3:2)

7. **SAY SOMETHING NICE TO SOMEONE YOU LIKE** - learn to encourage someone, learn how to strengthen someone (Eph. 4:29)

8. **SAY SOMETHING NICE TO SOMEONE YOU DON'T LIKE** - Spirit led Christians allow the Spirit of God to deal with fleshly inclinations (Col. 4:6) (see Gal. 5:16, v25)

9. **SMILE MORE AND FROWN LESS** - a pleasing disposition will draw others closer to you (Eph. 4:31)

10. **GIVE PEOPLE YOUR BEST** - somehow the best will be returned to you (Matt. 7:12)