

5. Read PROVERBS 13:20 & 1 CORINTHIANS 15:33.

What impact can relationships have on your commitments?

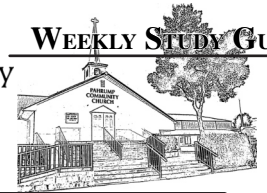
6. Personal reform (e.g. giving up bad habits; starting a healthy diet) has clear value. What does God think of such reform? Defend your answer.

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. What commitment to God do you need to make but have been putting off?

2. Will you make that commitment now? Why or why not?

If you have never been *born again*, contact Pastor Keith or a trusted Christian friend this week to find out how.



I Resolve

Introduction: Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

I. The _____ of _____.

A. It is _____ to _____ a _____.

ECCLESIASTES 5:2-3

B. It is _____ to make a vow which you do not

_____. ECCLESIASTES 5:4-5

C. It is foolish to make a vow _____

_____. ECCLESIASTES 5:6-7

II. The _____ of _____.

A. _____.

LUKE 12:16-20

B. _____.

JOHN 19:7-13, 16

C. _____.

JOHN 12:42-43; PROVERBS 13:20

D. _____.

ISAIAH 64:6

E. _____ - _____ .
JAMES 4:13-14

F. _____ - _____ .
LUKE 11:24-26

- Any _____ based on one's own _____
to _____ such is _____ to _____.

III. The _____ that _____ .

- _____ to _____, _____ to _____.
ECCLESIASTES 5:1; 12:13-14

A. The _____ that _____ God begins with
a _____ of _____ . JOHN 6:29

B. The _____ that _____ God is a _____
commitment to _____ to _____ and _____ for God.
MATTHEW 16:24-25

STUDY & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think so many people see the need
to make resolutions on the first of each year?

2. Based on JAMES 4:13-14, is it wrong for Christians to be optimistic
about planning for the future? Defend your answer.

3. A *New Year's Resolution* carries an implied 365 day effort.
How might MATTHEW 6:34 have a bearing on the idea of a
New Year's Resolution?

4. In light of ECCLESIASTES 5:5, fear of failure causes some to refuse
to make any commitment to God. Why is this the wrong
application of this verse? Defend your answer.