

Resolve to Put God First in Everything

How many of you have made New Year's resolutions? Here is a list of the top 2017 New Year's resolutions...

1. Exercise more (38 per cent)
2. Lose weight (33 per cent)
3. Eat more healthily (32 per cent)
4. Take a more active approach to health (15 per cent)
5. Learn new skill or hobby (15 per cent)
6. Spend more time on personal wellbeing (12 per cent)
7. Spend more time with family and friends (12 per cent)
8. Drink less alcohol (12 per cent)
9. Stop smoking (9 per cent)
10. Other (1 per cent)

Did your resolution make the list? Any guesses as to how long those resolutions will last? Most won't last a week.

I have a better resolution for you to consider today. Let's resolve to put God first in all things. Jesus said, "So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'" For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Let's resolve this year to put God first in everything. Let me suggest one key area where you need to put God first, your giving. We know God commands us to be generous and frankly that is a struggle for many. We worry that we might not be able to afford to give. Yet the words of Jesus are true that if we put God first, even in our finances, He will provide for us all we need.

Let me share with you one way you can assure that God will always come first in your finances. Set up your giving to be automatic! Throughout the month of January we will be highlighting recurring giving. You can simply go to our website at, <http://YOURCHURCHNAME.ORG/GIVE> and follow the easy steps to set up your giving automatically. Then whether you are here or away you honor the Lord with the first fruits of your earning.

Our goal here is to make the giving process as easy as possible for you and setting up recurring giving is the easiest way of all. No matter how you give here, always remember that your generosity allows us to accomplish all we do. We can't do what we do without you!