



**Happy New Year
2022**

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If... you do it the right way... following God's way to set resolutions



TODAY WE LOOK AT

SPIRITUAL RESOLUTIONS FOR 2022:

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*So, lets find our **what the Master wants...** (From: Ephesians 4:11-16 Luke 8:11-15)*



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“The seed that fell into good, fertile soil represents those **lovers of truth** who **hear it deep within their hearts**. They respond by **clinging to the word**, keeping it dear as they **endure all things in faith**.
This is the seed that will one day bear much fruit in their lives”



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Let's Assess...



Quick Assessment Handout

Question # 1a and b

**“What from Ephesians 4:13-16 and Luke 8:11-15...
Do you want to become MORE in your life 2022?”**

1b

**“Looking back ... at the end of 2021...
What do you want to see changed
(spiritually) about yourself?”**

Spiritual Resolutions for 2022: Question #2

Psalm 90:10; 12; 17

- 10 The length of our days is seventy years—
or eighty, if we have the strength;
yet their span is but trouble and sorrow,
for they quickly pass, and we fly away.
- 12 Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.
- 17 May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us;
establish the work of our hands for us—
yes, establish the work of our hands.



Question # 2a

“How many Days do you have?”

Spiritual Resolutions for 2022: Question #2

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. ²⁵Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.

²⁶Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. ²⁷No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others,

I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.



Question # 2b

“How many Days do you have?”

“How do You want to Live them?”

Question # 3a and 3b

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It is Good to... first ask... “What have I Become?”

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It is than Better to ask... “What can I Become?”

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