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NOT IF I HAVE TO DO THAT.

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I'LL PASS...

THERE'S TOO MUCH TO LOSE.

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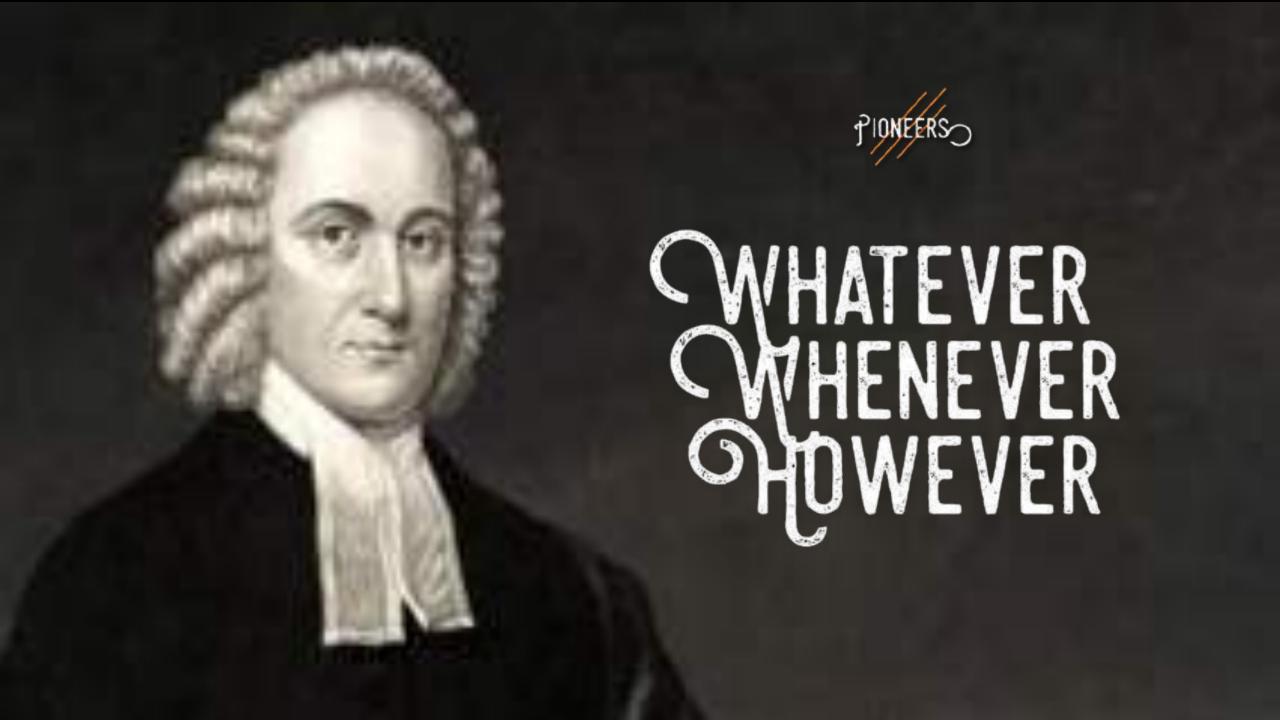
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I'LL GO...

THERE'S TOO MUCH TO GAIN.

"DISCIPLINE IS A SKILL"





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70 RESOLUTIONS

1722-1723

Being sensible that I am unable to do anything without God's help, I do humbly entreat him by his grace to help me with these resolutions, so far as they are agreeable to his will, for Christ's sake.

Jonathan Edwards

Remember to read over these Resolutions once a week.

To inquire every night, as I am going to bed, wherein I have been negligent, what sin I have committed, and wherein I have denied myself: Also, at the end of every week, month and year.

Dec. 22 and 26, 1722.



Always to do that, which I shall wish I had done when I see others do it.

Aug. 11, 1723.



After afflictions, to inquire, what I am the better for them, what good I have got by them, and what I might have got by them.



Never to allow the least measure of any fretting uneasiness at my father or mother. Resolved to suffer no effects of it, so much as in the least alteration of speech, or motion of my eye.



To study the Scriptures so steadily, constantly and frequently, as that I may find, and plainly perceive myself to grow in the knowledge of the same.



Frequently to renew the dedication of myself to God, which was made at my baptism; which I solemnly renewed, when I was received into the communion of the church; and which I have solemnly re-made this twelfth day of January, 1722-23.





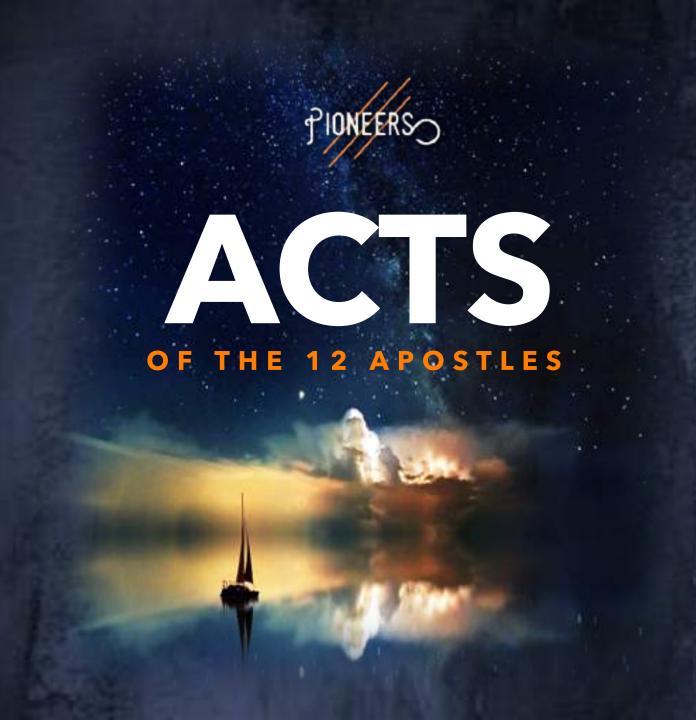
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- A RECORD of the transition from Judaism to Christianity
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¹ Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a **complaint** by the **Hellenists** arose against the **Hebrews** because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.



² And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables."



³ Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you **seven men** of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty.



⁴ But we will *devote* ourselves to **prayer** and to the **ministry of the word**. And what they said pleased the whole gathering,





⁵ And the chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and



ACTS 6:1-15 ESV

STEPHEN **PHILIP** PROCHORUS NICANOR TIMON PARMENAS NICOLAUS

⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.



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⁷ And the word of God continued to **increase**, and the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.



⁸ And Stephen, full of **grace** and **power**, was doing great wonders and signs among the people.





CHURCH FAMILY LOOKED OUT FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS

CHURCH LEADERSHIP PRIORITIZED PRAYER AND PREACHING

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION WILLINGLY ADAPTED METHODS

CHURCH CHALLENGES WERE ADDRESSED NOT DISMISSED

CHURCH SOLUTIONS CAME FROM WITHIN

⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilcia and Asia **rose up and disputed with Stephen**.



¹⁰ But **they could not withstand** the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking.



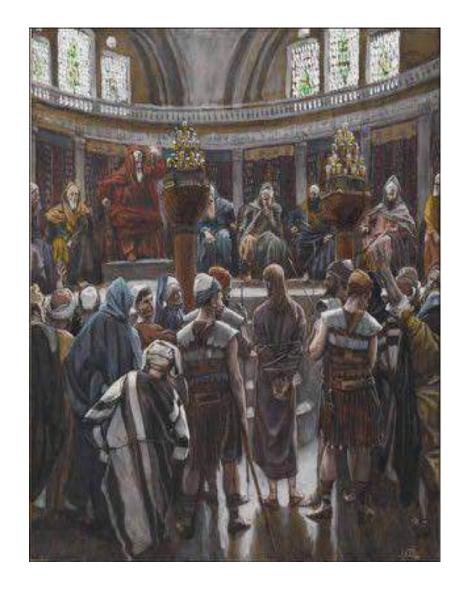
¹⁰Then **they secretly instigated men** who said, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God."

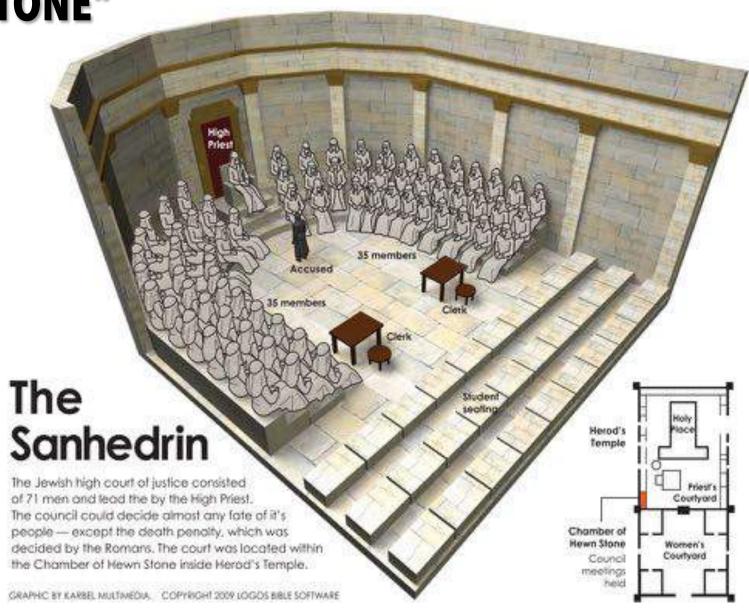


¹² And **they stirred up the people** and the elders and the scribes, and they came upon him and seized him and brought him before the council,



"CHAMBER OF HEWN STONE"





¹³ And **they set up false witnesses** who said, "This man never ceases to speak words against this holy place and the law,



¹⁴ For we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses delivered to us."



¹⁵ And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like **the face of an angel**.



And the high priest said, "Are these things so?"



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1 THESSALONIANS 5:19

Do not quench the Holy Spirit.

EPHESIANS 4:30

2. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God.

by whom you were **sealed** for the day of redemption.



1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

Rejoice always
Pray without ceasing
In everything give thanks

For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.



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EPHESIANS 4:31

2. Let all bitterness and wrath

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slander be put away from you,

along with all malice.



EPHESIANS 4:32

2. Be kind to one another,

tenderhearted, forgiving

one another, as God in Christ forgave you.



FULL OF THE SPIRIT

FULL OF WISDOM

FULL OF GRACE

FULL OF POWER





To examine carefully, and constantly, what that one thing in me is, which causes me in the least to doubt of the love of God; and to direct all my forces against it.





If I take delight in it as a gratification of pride, or vanity, or on any such account, immediately to throw it by.





I frequently hear persons in old age say how they would live, if they were to live their lives over again: Resolved that I will live just so as I can think I shall wish I had done, supposing I live to old age.

Jonathan Edwards
July 8, 1723.





Never to do anything, which I should be afraid to do, if I expected it would not be above an hour, before I should hear the last trump.

Jonathan Edwards

December 1722.





Not only to refrain from an air of dislike, fretfulness, and anger in conversation, but to exhibit an air of love, cheerfulness and benignity.

Jonathan Edwards

May 27, and July 13, 1723.





Whenever I do any conspicuously evil action, to trace it back, till I come to the original cause; and then both carefully endeavor to do so no more, and to fight and pray with all my might against the original of it.





To be strictly and firmly faithful to my trust, that that in Proverbs 20:6, "A faithful man who can find?" may not be partly fulfilled in me.





Never to say anything at all against anybody, but when it is perfectly agreeable to the highest degree of Christian honor, agreeable to the lowest humility, and sense of my own faults and failings, and agreeable to the golden rule.





If ever I shall fall and grow dull, so as to neglect to keep any part of these Resolutions, to repent of all I can remember, when I come to myself again.

Jonathan Edwards
June 1723



OFFERENTS RESOLVED.

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