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Welcome – Prayer

Remember when I told you Ray Kurzweil said 2030 cell phones in you?

Forget where you laid your cell phone? No worries, this week Bill Gates will save you.

<https://dailygalaxy.com/2025/07/bill-gates-declares-the-end-of-the-smartphone-era-and-unveils-its-surprising-replacement/>

- allow us to communicate, access the internet, and even monitor our health, all without a screen in sight.
- These tattoos are integrated into the body. Imagine having a device embedded in your skin that lets you interact with the world through simple gestures or touch. It's sleek, unobtrusive, and possibly more intuitive than anything we've seen so far. The tattoos are powered by tiny nanocapacitors, and they don't require bulky batteries or displays, making them a far more subtle alternative to today's mobile devices.
- And the best part? They're invisible, meaning no more holding a phone or carrying a bulky device around. It's a seamless experience where technology becomes a part of you, not something you carry.

Don't forget that the "Good guys" – RFK – has envisioned everyone will have wearables.

- Complaints about wearables – that they're bulky. So the nano/tattoo will be all the rage, we'll demand it!
- We'll pay for our own enslavement.

**Reading** for our next subject I stumbled across a series of resolutions by Jonathan Edwards.

I asked myself why anyone would do that and the question led me to sharing this WITH you for a few weeks ie read them yourself and share insights you get from them.

Jonathan Edwards – 18<sup>th</sup> century preacher 1703-1758, "Sinners in the hands of an angry God"

Background

- Life expectancy New England: 35-40 due to hi infant mortality, but 60-65 if making it to adulthood
- Women 55-60 due to effects of childbirth complications
- Edwards died at 54 due to a smallpox inoculation gone wrong

Potential/early upbringing

- Born into strong puritan family, Harvard-educated Puritan ministers
- Grandfather Stoddard a leading Puritan influencer in New England
- As a boy, prodigious intellectual ability from a young age, writing essays on theology and natural philosophy as a child.
- Tutored at home, mastering Latin, Greek, and Hebrew by age 12.
- Entered Yale at 13, graduated at 17, did masters by 20y of age, valedictorian.
- Puritan theology and philosophy.
- Self studied Isaac Newton & John Locke, blending science and philosophy with calvanism

Being in upper-caste clergy, had \$, Had the potential to go anywhere/do anything

**Chose** the footsteps of his fathers

At 18 found himself pastoring a minority faction from church split, Presbyterian church in NYC

**What was population of NYC back then?** 10k (spring hill, mission, parsons, ark city, augusta?)

**What is it today?** 8.4M

**How many of you have resolutions? Why?**

**How many of you keep a record/diary, why?**

Ever meet / know someone highly disciplined, pull up by own bootstraps? They keep resolutions?  
Edwards' resolutions are filled with motive – "to the glory of God"

Motive: One can be self-made; the human will can be strong. One can also be overwhelmed.

- This is where we find young Edwards (the age/man that wrote the Resolutions)
- His 1<sup>st</sup> job being a minority faction church split in one of the fastest growing towns in a new territory (Not the U.S. yet)

The spirit of the age was characterized by

- Unshackling of the King / freedom & opportunity
  - Land availability → independence; self sufficiency
  - Common in letters & sermons: "God has placed before us a wide land, and if a man is diligent, it shall prosper under his hand."
- Focus on stable society so trade could be done,
- Increasingly, people wanted more than independence: they wanted prosperity and people were chasing that!
  - South Sea Bubble
  - Speculation
  - Paper money / credit on the rise (our crypto today?)
- Hence, Puritanism was softening into a more personal thing, introspective;
  - personal holiness was taking a back seat to material success which was increasingly viewed as God's favor
  - "Making a name" was very important among their *necessarily* interwoven society

Ultimately the age was one of great movement, "becoming"

Like the horticulture guy seeing a young sapling start to grow crookedly, this moral decay became Edwards' burden.  
**How do you change bustling growing NYC?**

Understanding the overwhelming weight of the task he endeavored to accomplish, he wrote 70 resolutions like 70 weekly mental exercises, offering this prefatory

Being sensible that I am unable to do anything without God's help, I do humbly entreat him by his grace to enable me to keep these resolutions, so far as they are agreeable to his will for Christ's sake. (He literally read these every week)

That's why they grew from 1 to 70 over a couple years.

At 19, he was able to see his "saved self" with both good and ugly things in it – a very mature view at any age  
He knew w/out holiness, God would not be able to work through him

Benjamin Franklin wrote several revs of resolutions, but the goal was to arrive at plenty thru patience and industry

Let's look at a smattering of these, or look them up yourself and bring to light what you see that is important & why