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Choices and Changes in 2024

The clock strikes midnight and 2024 rolls in, the bells go off and whistles blow. Another year goes down in the record books and it is time to start practicing those New Year's resolutions.

According to Webster, the term resolution is defined as the desire to make a change. In some ways, New Year's resolutions may be frightening because the thought of life other than the "norm" is overwhelming to people. For example, last year you added extra pounds or unwanted inches. You are concerned you will not be able to lose the excess baggage. So instead of setting an attainable goal you give yourself one that seems insurmountable, in which case you have lost the battle before you ever have a chance to begin.

Another popular New Year's resolution is to put away those nasty credit cards. You desperately want to pay them off yet every time you try, you get further in debt.

One resolution each of us should make is the daily choice of a positive attitude. It's true that a person cannot control all his or her circumstances. Yet, you can control your reaction to those circumstances. A positive attitude is not a resolution to be made on January 1st and think it will automatically be present throughout the year. This new way of thinking is your decision to make, as life changing events take place.

Whatever resolution you make should bring about a change in your lifestyle. Are the resolutions you made realistic and attainable? Can you reach these goals or are you setting yourself up for failure? As you start a New Year, ask God what resolutions He would have you make and how He wants to use you for his glory.

"Brothers I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

--Philippians 3:13-14

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Mays Mission for the Handicapped offers hope to people who no one else may care about. The Mission provides worthwhile employment to handicapped persons from all walks of life and teaches the word of God in accordance with Christian ethics and principles.

In addition, Mays Mission sponsors activities for handicapped children; assists disabled adults to find proper housing, transportation, or medical attention; and makes grants to other institutions or organizations to benefit the handicapped, such as hospitals.

While Mays Mission will assist any handicapped individual to the maximum extent possible, the Mission is focused on serving those in rural Arkansas and the Ozark Mountains region, an area that is generally economically depressed and suffers from a relatively high unemployment rate-hence few job opportunities for the disabled.

A primary purpose is to help handicapped persons improve their job skills through on-the-job training and, in addition, to create jobs for them. A main objective is to help the employees who are being trained to achieve economic stability and independence in their lives. Therefore, it is most important that the collateral purpose of assisting them to obtain better employment is carried forth with as much vigor as the actual training.

In addition to its employment and training programs for handicapped, the Mission also provides spiritual guidance to handicapped persons who are home- or bed-bound or live in a residential care facility through its visitation program.

Mays Mission also educates the public that, with appropriate training, individuals with disabilities are "handicapable" and serves as a "school for citizenship" both to encourage employers to hire the handicapped and to teach the public how to interact with disabled individuals, particularly in the workplace.



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