

A tradition that has been observed for time in memorial is the New Year's Resolution. Each year many people make New Year's resolutions consisting of losing weight, eating a healthier diet, making new friends, reading a book a week, returning to school to complete their education, and other aspirations. These are all noble endeavors, but most people do not realize them, because the essential ingredient: effective planning is missing. The essence of any resolution is the development of a plan of action and commitment to make the desired outcome a reality. A principle declared throughout the word of God that we all should ponder is that the things we desire do not automatically become realities apart from some action or response on our part. The Lord Jesus in the following parable underlined the need for a strategy before you pursue any endeavor, because there is a personal cost that must be paid for anything worth having:

Luke 14:28-29 (Amp) For which of you, wishing to build a farm building, does not first sit down and calculate the cost [to see] whether he has sufficient means to finish it?

²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid the foundation and is unable to complete [the building], all who see it will begin to mock *and* jeer at him,

So reassess your resolutions, count the cost and measure resources then pursue those that your bandwidth will permit.

Regards...

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