

# Pleasant Valley Weekly

But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple. (Psalm 47 : 6—7)

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It's a new year, but is it the same old song and dance?

Many people make New Years Resolutions, but few every succeed—Why? Most people fail because their catalyst is not strong enough to stand on its own. “I am going to stop drinking caffeine.” What a great resolution this would be. The problem is we make this resolution without taking into consideration just how many things have caffeine in them. And when we realize how much we are truly going to sacrifice, we start making “loop holes” until our resolution is out the window.

Many people in the Church make the resolution, “I am going to be a better Christian this year than last.” Let me first say, what a great resolution! But how are you going to do it? Are you going to read the bible more? Are you going to pray more often? Both of these are good starting places. But did you truly count the cost of what it was going to take to be a better Christian?

Consider this: Are you going to spend less time watching TV which dulls your senses on the gravity of sin? How about the music you listen to? Are you going to reevaluate your social network because they live a life contrary to the life you are striving to live? Are you going to give up those things which you love that have kept you from studying and meeting with your brethren? Did you truly consider what Jesus taught in Luke 14 : 27—33? Or did you just make a resolution?

We should all strive to be better this year than last, we all have

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