

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT...”

Jan 3, 2016 • Dr. David Self • Isaiah 64–66 (p. 482–484 in HCSB provided)

New Year's Resolutions

▶ **Act** _____: *“You welcome the one who joyfully does what is right; they remember You in Your ways.” Isaiah 64:5*

- **Purity:** *“If only You would tear the heavens open and come down, so that mountains would quake in your presence.” Isaiah 64:1*
- **Patience:** *“acts on behalf of the one who waits for Him” Isaiah 64:4b*
- **Perspective:** *“How can we be saved if we remain in our sins.” Isaiah 64:5b*
- **Pliability:** *“Yet Lord, You are our Father, we are the clay and You are our potter; we all are the work of Your hands.” Isaiah 64:7*

▶ **Love** _____: *“For I will create a new heaven and a new earth; the past events will not be remembered or come to mind. Then be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I will create Jerusalem to be a joy and its people to be a delight.” Isaiah 65:17–18*

▶ **Walk** _____: *“My hand made all these things, and so they came into being. This is the Lord's declaration. I will look favorably on this kind of person: one who is humble, submissive in spirit and trembles at My word.” Isaiah 66:2*

BE A DIFFERENCEMAKER

Do you want to be a missional difference-maker in 2016? Following a Bible reading plan will help. God invites us to let the scriptures renew our minds, let our hearts connect with God and conform us into the image of Christ. Here are five recommendations as you pursue a Bible reading plan:

1. **Choose any plan.** There are many options. Commit to one and follow it as best you can. CornerBooks has Houston's First journals with reading plans included.
2. **Find a regular time.** Make this a regular rhythm of life and a normal part of your day.
3. **Don't give up.** If you miss a day, move on to the current day. Let the Gospel give you freedom from guilt!
4. **Journal your reading.** We remember what we write down. A helpful acronym is R.E.A.P. — Read, Examine, Apply, Pray.
5. **Pray your reading.** Look for ways to adore God, confess sin, and ask for His work in your life.

(Source: Logan Gentry, Executive Pastor of Apostles Church in New York City)

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

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For Baptism

Selombo Chipindula

Matt Fass

Daniel Garza

Ryan Homeyer

Caitie Robertson

Dorcas Ross

From Other Fellowship

Aaron Freisleben

Martha Freisleben

Thu-Ha Luu

Tuan-Nha Luu

ATTENDANCE DEC 27, 2015

Life Bible Studies did not meet on Sun, Dec 27

Mission Bible Study

Total Bible Study

164

164

Generosity
AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

Week ending Dec 27, 2015

First-time givers

Total number of givers

Great Commission Giving total

39

926

\$773,048

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