

**8. I resolve to be a man under God's authority, who by His word and with His presence will fulfill the "one another" commands and faithfully use my God given talents and spiritual gifts.**

To be under God's authority is to be in submission to it and have it carry out His will

The "one another" commands give specific instruction on how to function so that everyone matures

Failure in this area is usually due to not trusting the Lord and so not completely submitting to His authority

**9. If I am married, I resolve to be faithful to my wife, love her sacrificially, cherish her, provide for and protect her physically, emotionally and spiritually.**

For the Christian, marriage is "holy matrimony" and not just a legal relationship

For worldly people, marriage is about what you can get

The godly man pursues marriage in order to glory the Lord and so it is about sacrificial love - Eph. 5

**10. If I have children, I resolve to fulfill my role as a godly father in blessing them, teaching them to love God and obey His commandments, and training them to be respectful and responsible**

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 - Teaching them to know, love and honor God is central to Christian parenting.

The parent lays the foundation for salvation and a successful life by teaching children the fear of the Lord

The goal of Christian parents is training their children to have a respectable and responsible character

Diligence and discipline in training children is a reflection of God's love - Hebrews 12:4-11

**11. I resolve to courageously work with the strength God provides to fulfill these resolutions for the rest of my life for the glory of Jesus Christ, my Lord.**

This is a very active commitment to strive and push forward while trusting God for the results

This is the commitment Joshua made - *As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord* - Joshua 24:15

## **KIDS CORNER**

Parents, you are responsible to apply God's Word to your children's lives. Here is some help.

**Young Children** - draw a picture about something you hear during the sermon. Explain your picture(s) to your parents at lunch. **Older Children** - Do one or more of the following: 1) Write down all the verses mentioned in the sermon and look them up later. 2) Count how many times the word "man" is used. Talk with your parents about what it means to be a man.

## **THINK ABOUT IT!**

Questions to consider in discussing the sermon with others. What does it mean to be a man? In what ways do you see our society filled with adult males that are not men? What are your thoughts about the Kendricks definition of a man given above? What childishness do you still need to put away now that you are an adult? How is the presence of the Lord a help to accomplishing that? What is the purpose of life? How can you know and carry out God's will? Why is humility so central to the Christian life? Psalm 15 is a good description of the man of integrity - read it and note the areas in which you need to improve. Why is materialism so dangerous? What is the relationship between laziness and spiritual maturity? What are your responsibilities to provide for yourself, your family, your extended family, to those in need? How have you confronted evil in the past? How can you prepare yourself to confront it in the future? What negative effects can you identify in our society from the failure to pursue justice? Why do victims need kindness? Why do the ignorant need mercy? What is the extent that Christians are required to forgive others? Is there anyone you hold a grudge against? How has the compassion of political liberals resulted in greater harm to the poor? What are the "one another" commands and why are they so important? What is the major reason people fail to carry them out or use their spiritual gifts? How is a Christian marriage different from a secular marriage? What should be the major desire of every Christian parent? What should be the major goal of every Christian parent? Why does parenting require diligence? What is demonstrated when a parent will not discipline their child? Joshua committed himself and his family to serve the Lord - what is your commitment?