

## “Faith Works”

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Resolution: A **firm decision** to do or to not do something; to be resolute.

Resolute: To be purposeful, unwavering, determined

How have you resolved to live differently in 2020?

1. Exercise more
2. Lose weight
3. Be a nicer person
4. Save more money
5. Learn something new
6. Do more reading
7. Get a new career
8. Sleep more
9. Meet new people/make new friends
10. Drink less

Faith Works!

*“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”<sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror<sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.<sup>25</sup> But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.” James 1:22-25*

1. We don’t have a **hearing** problem, we have a **doing** problem.
2. Hearing but not doing is called **self-deception**.
3. Our mandate is to **look intently** into and **obey continually** the Word of God.
4. If we do what it says in God’s Word we will be **blessed!**

2020 LIFER Resolutions

Our Vision: Everything for the glory of God.

Our Mission: We are a family devoted to making disciples of Jesus Christ.

### Our Mission Markers:

- Identity: Read the Bible and pray daily/Memorize portions of Scripture each week.
- Family: Join a Group InCommon/Lead a Group InCommon.
- Purpose: Pick 5 people to pray for and invite into your life.
- Sacrifice: Begin tithing and give to missions/Go on a mission trip.

### Our Behaviors:

- Reach out first: Each Sunday make a point to introduce yourself to one new person/Each month meet a new neighbor or co-worker.
- Encourage someone: Once a week encourage someone with a call, note or gift.
- Serve someone – Once a month perform a random act of kindness/Join a ministry
- Express joy – Smile more often, say “Hello” to strangers and so thank you a lot more.

### Top Reasons Our Resolutions are Broken

1. We make too many of them.
2. We are too vague
3. Our intentions are shallow
4. We don't write down a plan
5. We don't tell anyone

*“Faith without works is dead.” James 2:26*