

Resolutions of Jonathan Edwards

"But we long to see you passionately advance until the end and you find your hope fulfilled. So don't allow your hearts to grow dull or lose your enthusiasm, but follow the example of those who fully received what God has promised because of their strong faith and patient endurance."

(Hebrews 6:11-12 TPT)

In his teenage years Jonathan Edwards wrote a series of "Resolutions," the like of which it would be difficult to duplicate in the case of any other youth. Yet the Holy Bible tells us to be imitators of "...Those who fully received what God has promised because of their strong faith and patient endurance." (Hebrews 6:12)

Dr Jonathan Edward's resolutions are dwelt upon as indicating the way in which every fiber of his being was prepared for the great moral and intellectual legacy he left his children and his children's children. And I dare to say that we all, in some ways, are beneficiaries of his legacy. Here are ten out of his seventy resolutions which you can spend some time chewing with your young ones:

- To do whatever I think to be my duty, and most for the good and advantage of mankind in general.

- So, to do whatever difficulties I meet with, how many soever, and how great soever.
- To be continually endeavoring to find out some new contrivance and invention to promote the forementioned things.
- Never to lose one moment of time, but to improve it in the most profitable way I possibly can.
- To live with all my might while I do live.
- To be endeavoring to find out fit objects of charity and liberality.
- Never to do anything out of revenge.
- Never to suffer the least motions of anger towards irrational beings.
- Never to speak evil of any one, so that it shall tend to his dishonor, more or less, upon no account except for some real good.
- To maintain the strictest temperance in eating and drinking.

God bless you as you commit to building strong families and raising godly children.

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