

From Resolution to Revolution

Acts 17:6



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Introduction

**LET'S NOT SETTLE FOR LITTLE CHANGES WHEN WE CAN
BE A PART OF SOMETHING GREAT!**

- ◆ **Resolutions are Good**
... but limited – Just a re-work of the old self.

- ☆ **The List – Personal Improvement**

- ☆ **Questionable Outcome – We've failed before.**

- ◆ **Revolution is Great**
...because it is the birth of something new!

- ☆ **Life-Changing – 2 Corinthians 5:17-20**
 - * Renewed Life

★ Revised Priorities

★ Real World View

☆ **World-Changing – Acts 17:6; Philippians 4:**

★ “What needs to be changed about the world?”

- Noah’s time – Genesis 6:5

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- Lot’s days – Genesis 18:23-33

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- Period of the Judges – Judges 21:25

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- Last Days - 2 Timothy 3:1-5; 2 Peter 3:3-7

★ “Seriously, what can I do?” - Philippians 4:13

★ “What difference will my little effort make?”

- Philippians 3:7-14

★ “Where should I start?” (Application)

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There are Some really inspiring stories shaping up in the daily news.

Benazir Bhutto – assassination this week in Pakistan may make her the most notable martyr in our times. Her death could conceivably turn the tide for democracy in the Muslim world and hold back the rising flood of terrorism in the world.

Bill and Melissa Gates – After literally changing the world by leading the software side of the information age, Bill Gates, and his wife Melissa, are now using their fortunes to change the world again, this time by eradicating Malaria and other dreaded foes of humanity. And Gates isn't doing this as a hobby on the side. He has left Microsoft in the hands of many other bright and wealthy leaders he has developed, to personally lead the charge against disease and poverty.

Glen Beck recently interviewed the man he would most want to be like - John Huntsman. Huntsman came from a background of extreme poverty to build one of the largest corporations, always utilizing honor and morality. Huntsman has devoted all of his wealth to a cutting-edge institute he founded to help find the cure for cancer.

And there are some amazing stories of Born-again Christians who are making an incredible difference.

Couple of Rock Stars who were pretty disgusting, but now are proclaiming the Gospel (Brian Welch, former lead guitarist of Korn, and Alice Cooper)

A relatively obscure ex-Baptist preacher who has taken the lead in a couple of primary states among the large field of Presidential candidates.

An unstoppable force of underground Chinese Christians who are leading a Mission thrust they call "Back to Jerusalem."

Here we stand at the start of a new year. And we can make a difference too, if we are in a right relationship with the Lord.

S- New beginning

Fresh start

Clean slate of opportunity



Acts 17:6

6 But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other brothers before the city officials, shouting: "These men who have caused trouble all over the world [KJV-Turned the world upside down] have now come here, (from New International Version)

Time to jettison the disappointments and failures of the past and grasp the promising God-given experiences that will take us into a more meaningful future.

Time to stop merely surviving, and wishing our days away, and discovering God's own plans for our lives.

Time to be proactive tools in God's hands to help build the Kingdom of Heaven.

What will you and I write on that slate in 2008?