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Revelation 3:11 ... “Behold, I am coming quickly? Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.”

You may recall that this time last year, we wrote about new year’s resolutions and how resolving to improve our behavior, attitude, work ethic and more, should be a daily act, not just one day a year. This is so important, that we will again insist that new year’s resolutions are a foolish way to live. One reason for that is because people who make and fail to keep them, often give up and say, “better luck next year.” Then they feel they are justified in continuing the bad behavior, habit or attitude they pledged to change.

We asked last year, and repeat the question this year, if resolutions are good why wait until January 1? The calendar has nothing to do with your thoughts, behavior or actions. Throughout your life, one day follows another, which follows another and another until you die. There is no special power that one day has over another. If you resolve on July 19 to lose weight, you have just as much of a chance of doing that as you would by resolving to do it on January 1. If you want better grades in school, decide to commit to that on the first day of school. Do not wait until January 1 which is mid-year. If you feel guilty for not treating your spouse more kindly, begin to change that immediately.

Today’s verse is a reminder that Jesus is coming again, and he is coming without warning and when we least expect it. If there is something in your life that is interfering with your relationship with Jesus, or disobedience that is separating you from God, or behavior that is hurting others, you cannot afford to wait until January 1, 2019 – one year from now – to change that. New year’s resolutions fall into the category of superstition, not a life committed to following Christ.

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