**3 January 2021: New Year, New Me, Now what?**

**Stand Firm (Gospels)**

* Matthew 10:22 (NIV): You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who ***stands firm*** to the end will be saved.
* Matthew 24:12-14 (NIV): 12 Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, 13 but the one who ***stands firm*** to the end will be saved.
* Luke 6:47-48 (NLT): 47 I will show you what it’s like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching, and then follows it. 48 It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against that house, it **stands firm** because it is well built.

**Stand Firm (Apostle Paul)**

* 1 Corinthians 15:1 (NLT): Let me now remind you, dear brothers and sisters, of the Good News I preached to you before. You welcomed it then, and you still ***stand firm*** in it.
* 1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV): Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, ***stand firm***. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.
* 1 Corinthians 16:13 (ESV): Be watchful, ***stand firm*** in the faith, act like men, be strong.
* 2 Corinthians 1:21 (NLT): It is God who enables us, along with you, to ***stand firm*** for Christ.
* 2 Corinthians 1:24 (ESV): Not that we lord it over your faith, but we work with you for your joy, for you ***stand firm*** in your faith.
* Ephesians 6:11 (NLT) see also vs 13 & 14: Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to ***stand firm*** against all strategies of the devil.
* Philippians 1:27-28 (NIV): 27 Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you ***stand firm*** in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel 28 without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you.
* Philippians 4:1 (ESV): Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, ***stand firm*** thus in the Lord, my beloved.
* Colossians 4:12 (NIV): Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may ***stand firm*** in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.
* 1 Thessalonians 3:8 (NLT): It gives us new life to know that you are ***standing firm*** in the Lord.
* 2 Thessalonians 2:15 (ESV): So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

**Stand Firm (General Epistles)**

* 1 Peter 5:9 (NLT): **Stand firm** against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are.
* James 5:8 (NIV): You too, be patient and **stand firm**, because the Lord’s coming is near.

How do I resolve to stand firm in 2021?

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**Show Love (1 Cor 13)**

Love is:

* Patient
* Kind
* Rejoices w/truth
* Bears all things
* Believes all things
* Hopes all things
* Endures all things

Love is not / does not:

* Envy
* Boast
* Arrogant
* Rude
* Insist on its own way
* Irritable
* Resentful
* Rejoice at wrong doing

How do I resolve to show love in 2021?

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**Walk by the Spirit (Gal 5:16-26, 1 John 2:15-17)**

19 Works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissension, division, 21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23**gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

How do I resolve walk by the spirit in 2021?

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