Introduction:
   A. Planning ahead is not condemned, but planning without God is.
   B. What are your plans for the new year?
      1. To improve your financial situation?
         a. Work harder?
         b. Save more?
         c. Pay off debts?
      2. To relax and play more?
      3. To get married?
   C. I suggest let's keep our New Years plans and resolutions simple this year:

Discussion:
   I. Resolve to Better Know God’s Will.
      A. Ignorance is not bliss! (Acts 17:30)
         1. Ill: “Lord has his work cut out for him”
         2. Brings destruction (Hos. 4:6)
         3. Establishes one’s own righteousness (Rom. 10:1-4).
         4. Can bring about persecution, etc. (1 Tim. 1:13).
      B. Knowledge is accessible.
         1. Through the written word (Eph. 3:3-7)
         2. Read, search, and study (1 Tim. 4:13; Acts 17:11; 2 Tim. 2:15)
         3. Home study, Class study, Sermon studies.
   II. Resolve to Better Do God’s Will.
      A. Knowing and Doing are interrelated (v. 17; John 7:17; 8:31, 32; Heb. 5:12-14)
      B. Doing God’s will for you:
         1. As an alien sinner (Mark 16:15, 16; Acts 2:38).
         2. As an erring brother (Jas. 5:19, 20; Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:9)
         3. As a faithful Christian and church member.
         4. In the home, business, community, etc.
      C. Being conscious of God’s will in all our plans (v. 15).
         1. Determine to do God’s will in all of your actions.
         2. Determine to accept God’s will in all of his providence.

Conclusion:
   A. Have you been trying to go it alone?
   B. Why not include God’s will in your plans from now on?