

A DIFFERENT YEAR

(Better Different)

THIS YEAR WILL BE DIFFERENT

- A. Different happens
 - 1. Relationships - people come/go
 - 2. Economic situations - increase/decrease, company changes
 - 3. Problems - some get solved, others show up
- B. Different that we initiate
 - 1. Physical differences - eating/exercise
 - 2. Personnel development - things we start/stop, add/subtract from our lives
 - 3. Relationships - how we position ourselves (**1 Timothy 4:7-8 NKJV**)

A KING'S DIFFERENCE (2 Chronicles 1:5-12 NKJV)

- A. Solomon sought the Lord
 - 1. He could have been quite satisfied
 - 2. A heart hunger for God
- B. Solomon acknowledged God
 - 1. With his offering - acknowledging God as his source
 - 2. What God had done - that God had made him king
 - 3. His need for God - recognized he needed God's help
- C. Solomon had a big answer for God's big question
 - 1. What shall I give you?
 - 2. Did not ask to be famous or for more wealth
 - 3. Did not ask for problems to be solved or long life for himself
 - 4. Asked for wisdom to be a good king to God's people
- D. God's response to Solomon
 - 1. Gave him the wisdom he asked for and more - God added to Solomon
 - 2. Made him famous and mega-wealthy

THREE THINGS THAT WILL MAKE THIS YEAR DIFFERENT

- A. Seek God
 - 1. Don't disqualify yourself as to why it can't work for you
 - 2. Seeking God involves your thoughts and your time
 - 3. Seeking is effective time (**Hebrews 11:6 NKJV**)
- B. Acknowledge God
 - 1. In our giving - tithes and offerings - not a law but an act of faith
 - 2. For what He has done in our lives
 - 3. Our need for Him - position of humility (**1 Peter 5:6 NKJV**)
- C. Ask for something bigger than ourselves
 - 1. So much of our focus is on us
 - 2. Ask for something that benefits others (**Matthew 6:33 NKJV**)