

# **A DIFFERENT YEAR**

## **Part 4: Thinking Differently**

### **THINKING DIFFERENTLY**

- Three impactful areas
  1. Person - who you are, what your strengths / weaknesses are
  2. Problems - what you are facing that is hindering / affecting you
  3. Possibilities - what is your potential for progress in these areas
- God's word His gift to us
  1. Much more than a duty, His word is given to help us change our thinking (**1 Timothy 4:15 NKJ**)
  2. Thinking on a higher level - spiritual level

### **A MAN WHO MADE AN ADJUSTMENT** (**Mark 9:17-25 NKJ**)

- He had been living with this problem staring him in the face
  1. Helpless feeling when you can't help a loved one
  2. Easy to be entrenched in the problem when it drags on for a long time
- Jesus inserted Himself into the situation
  1. The disciples had not been effective
  2. Jesus requested the boy to be brought to Him
  3. The father had given up hope
- Jesus asked for something from the father (his belief)
  1. He did not ask beyond the man's ability
  2. The father made a quick adjustment in his heart
  3. Jesus met him right where he was and delivered the boy

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- Look beyond the present (**2 Corinthians 4:18 NKJ**)
  1. Not looping or fixated on the situation / problem
  2. Looking at the situation is not where the answers are
- Start a thought intervention process
  1. There will be resistance in getting rid of old unprofitable thoughts
  2. God's thoughts are higher and more powerful (**Hebrews 4:12 NKJ**)
- Two important questions
  1. What is possible? - for you and your situation (**2 Peter 1:3-4 NKJ**)
  2. What do I believe? - the present or the promise?