

## I NEED GOD'S BEST FOR ME

**JEHOSHAPHAT**

2 CHRONICLES 17:4

**Day 12**

Obviously, in the middle of an evil world, we have a choice which life style we will pursue. Our choices are quite simple: God's best or the world's best. Since the world's best can never offer us anything free of evil, we are in a bind. We either pick God or we must choose the world & then try to improve it to meet our needs. Have you noticed that it's not the world that tries to be like the Christian community; it is the Christian community that tries to be like the world.

The world's best offers opportunities to promote ourselves; I am not talking about going to college & pursuing a good job. That stuff has to be done. I am speaking of erecting ourselves to a prideful level of self-sufficiency while at the same time destroying what is good & running down those that believe in what is good. Deep down, the world cannot develop a healthy person inside us because they have chosen to do it without God. After a while, the inner person created by the world's best gets sick of marriage, gets sick of being honest, gets sick of not having more money, gets sick of answering to others, gets sick of any moral structure, and gets sick of themselves. The very person that the world's best created & promoted we are now disgusted with. What is there to lose? Why not play with drugs & booze? Why not gamble away all your money? Why not abandon your family? Why not just break the law? Who cares??? Why is it that so many seemingly healthy & successful people try to kill themselves "somehow"?

God's best allows you to live in this same world with a totally different approach. To seek God's best: we become available to God ("Here I am, Lord"); we ask God to "Use our talents"; we allow Him to "Mold our hearts" to his plan: we choose to let Him "Break our stubborn wills"; we sincerely desire Him to "Lead our steps" (each step); and we bravely ask Him to "Enlarge our trust & our territory". "God's best" is for us to be **HUMBLE** before Him.

**APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

1. Which choice did you make in your past? How did that choice affect your life, possibly, to this very day?
2. Discuss the six steps to being humble before God. How are you doing in each of the areas? Be honest.

**A PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

What do you need to say to God as you face the topic being discussed in this devotional? Write out your prayer word for word just as if you were praying. Use separate lined paper to record your prayer. Make sure you actually pray this prayer to the Lord. Be honest & be personal. After all, you mean business with God here. You want this area of your life either fixed, strengthened, added, or removed.