

A script from



“This Year Will Be Different”

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- What** Six people vow to make changes for the new year, but will they stick to it?
(Themes: change, character, goals, resolutions, New Year, promises)
- Who** Actor 1- male Actor 4- female
Actor 2- female Actor 5- teen male
Actor 3- male Actor 6- teen female
- When** Present, New Year
- Wear** Cell phone
(Props) All actors should be dressed casually
- Why** 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 4:22-24
- How** This is reader’s theatre style, but whether or not you hold folders with scripts is up to you. It might seem more natural if the lines were memorized and delivered without scripts in hand. It is very important that the end of each line is a continuation of the next person’s line since they pick up where the other left off. This will take some practice. *For an idea of how to perform this script, see a version in video form at www.skitguys.com.
- Time** Approximately 3-4 minutes

Each actor is lined up across the stage.

Actor 1: This year will be different.

Actor 2: This year will be different.

Actor 3: This year will be different.

Actor 4: This year will be different.

Actor 5: This year will be different.

Actor 6: This year will be different.

Actor 1: This year I'll eat less. I do solemnly swear this year i will lose 10 pounds... or at least 5.

Actor 3: "5" is my magic number this year. I want to visit my grandmother at least 5 times - which would be 5 more compared the number of visits last year.

Actor 4: Year in and year out I always say I will stop people pleasing...learn to have a little more backbone than the day before. That day is now! If you are OK with it...

Actor 5: It is time I make my body a living monument for the ladies. *(Does some flexing)* *(beat)* I just need to...

Actor 2 Learn to wait. I always want things instantly. I need patience...now! This year I'll...

Actor 6: ...be nicer to my parents. *(Texting and then stops like she hears her mom)* *(Yelling offstage)* What, Mom? Hold on! I said hold on! Mom! The. Trash. Will. Go. Out. In. A. Minute! I wish she'd...

Actor 5: ...notice me. This year I'm going to walk right up to Lyndsey, the girl that's had my heart since seventh grade, and tell her how I...

Actor 2: ...need peace in my life. I'm so nervous all the time. I have this little twitch. *(Shows audience)* Maybe it's from all of those Frappa-lappa-cocoa-mocha-lattés. Or from the Halloween candy that I refuse to throw out... I just can't seem to get...

Actor 1: ...my pits to stop sweating. *(Holds arms up to show wet spots.)* What is this! How did I become a walking leak! I know I have stress about my future but can't I somehow conceal it like normal people? I'll shower more, fake it till I make it. I'll...