

Josiah's Steps to Spiritual Renewal

2 Kings 21-23

Recognize Your Responsibility

- We can't blame our lack of spirituality on others.
- Josiah family was terrible.
 - He had a very wicked grandfather and father – 2 Kings 21:1-6, 9, 16; 21:20-21
 - Josiah did not follow their lead, and instead did what was right!
- Our parents gave us our...
 - Genetics, but God has given us His grace.
 - Body, but we must decide whether to give God charge of our life and soul.

Determine to Seek the Lord

- Josiah was 16 when he turned to serve God, even though Judah was evil – 2 Chron. 34:3
 - He made a covenant with God – 2 Kgs. 23:2-3
 - He turned to the Lord with all his heart – 2 Kgs. 23:25
- How does one seek the Lord?
 - You must do so with all your heart – Jer. 29:13
 - You must hunger for God's will in your life and do His will – Mt. 7:21; 5:6
 - Josiah was only one person, but in his dedication he changed a nation. What will you do? – Phil. 4:13

Rediscover God's Word

- This national revival was begun when God's law was found – 2 Kings 22:8-10
- When Josiah heard the Law he listened and allowed it to change him.
 - He responded with righteous fear and zeal – 2 Kgs. 22:11-13
 - What he heard translated into action – 2 Kgs. 23:1-4
 - God blessed him because his heart was right and he obeyed God's Law – 2 Kgs. 22:19-20
 - So, we must do more than just hear. We must hear with humility and obey – Jas. 1:21-22

Reform and Rebuild

- We must tear down and destroy all idols, alters, and false things from our lives – Eph. 4:22-24
- Josiah did not stop at eliminating evil, but rebuilt and restored what was lacking – 2 Chron. 34:8
- We must put sin out and put on the “new man” in Christ that is renewed according to knowledge of God – Col. 3:9-10