

The Power of "CHOICE"!

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

2 Kings 21:19-29

Genesis 1:26

John 4:24

Proverbs 22:6

SERMON NOTES

1. Choosing Wisely While Young, (2 Kings 22)

A. Josiah's character is shown by his choices, (22:1-7)

1. Josiah did not allow his father's bad example to determine his choices.
 - a. (vs. 1-2), "*Josiah was 8 years old when he became king, and he reigned 31 years in Jerusalem....*"

Ephesians 6:1-2

1 Timothy 4:12

2. Josiah chose to fix the problems that those who came before him chose to create.
 - a. (vs. 3-6), "*In the 18th year of King Josiah, he sent Shaphan to the house of the Lord to Hilkiah the high priest.*"

1 Corinthians 3:16

1 Peter 5:5-6

Acts 2:17

B. Josiah's Choices Regarding the Word of God, (22:8-20)

1. The "Lost" Book, (vs. 8-10)
 - a. (v. 8), "*Then Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, 'I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord.' And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan who read it.*"

Matthew 7:21-23

1 Timothy 4:1-4

2 Timothy 4:3-4

- b. (v. 10), "*Shaphan the scribe told the king saying, 'Hilkiah the priest has given me a book.' And Shaphan read it in the presence of the king.*"

Romans 10:17

John 8:31-32

Acts 17:11

2. How Josiah chooses to respond to the word of God, (vs. 11-13)
 - a. (v. 11), *“It came about when the king heard the words of the book of the law, that he tore his clothes.”*

2 Corinthians 5:17

- b. Josiah recognized how far God’s people had fallen from God’s will in their lives.
 - 1) (v. 13), *“Go, inquire of the Lord for me and the people and all Judah concerning the words of the book that has been found, for great is the wrath of the Lord that burns against us....”*

3. God’s words to the nation of Judah, (vs. 14-17)
 - a. (vs. 14-17), *“So Hilkiyah, et al, went to Huldah the prophetess, and they spoke to her. She said to them....”*

Deuteronomy 28:14-44

1 Peter 4:17-18

4. God’s words to King Josiah, (vs. 18-20)
 - a. (vs. 18-20), *“But to the king of Judah who sent you to inquire of the Lord thus you shall say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord God of Israel, “Regarding the words which you heard, because your heart was tender....”*

- b. APPLICATION: “The Four ‘C’s”
 - 1) Consider your Choices:
 - 2) Compare our attitudes & actions with God:
 - 3) Commit to God’s ways:
 - 4) Count on God’s protection and provision:

CONCLUSIONS:

Proverbs 22:6

Ecclesiastes 12:1

1 Peter 4:17

Mark 16:15-16