

HE DID AND WALKED AND TURNED NOT

2 KINGS 22:1-11, 23:1-25

Text: 2 Kings 22:2

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Introduction:

How is it that a young boy eight years of age can take the throne during such a wicked day and stand for the Lord?

Josiah an orphan at the age of eight years old I believe had been trained by his mother as to what was right and wrong. For you see Josiah father was a wicked man, who had led Judah into a wicked lifestyle of worshipping idols, as well as a number of other wicked practices.

How is it that one young boy could make such a difference that the Bible says of him

(2 Kings 23:25) "And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him."

I believe that in Josiah's early years that a foundation was laid, that later resulted in stability as the king.

You see a life of hearing the Word of God should help us see if we are in line with the Bible later in life.

And once we see our condition we need to respond with action.

Josiah knew that times were evil, but he also knew that he could make a difference. Never forget that God always responds to those who have a repentant & humble heart.

Notice with me why and how this man stood for God.

1. HIS DIRECTION (VSS 2)

(2 Kings 22:2) "And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left."

A. Perceived what was right.

B. Practiced what was right.

C. Promoted what was right.

2. HIS DEVOTION (VSS 2)

(2 Kings 22:2) "And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left."

A. Loyal to the truth

B. Loved the truth

C. Longed to make truth known.

3. HIS DETERMINATION (VSS 2)

(2 Kings 22:2) "And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left."

A. Resolved to stand

B. Resolved to stay

C. Resolved to be sure.

4. HIS DEPOSITION (23:25)

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A. Served with all he had.

1. All his heart
2. All his soul
3. All his might

B. Served with God's Word as his guide.