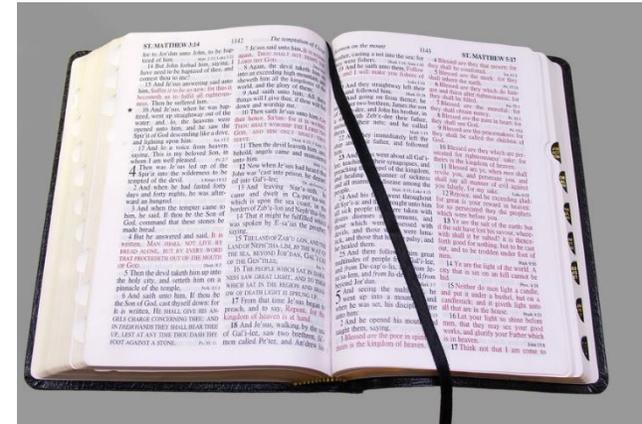# King Josiah

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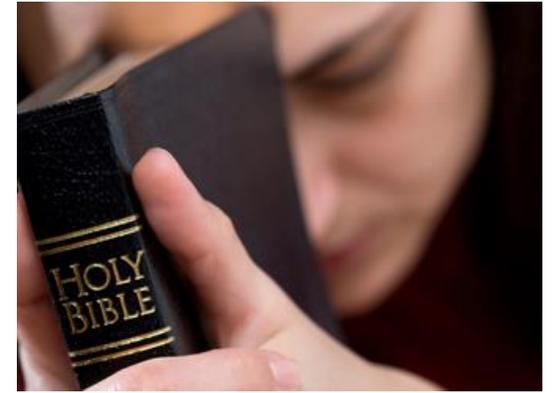
Lessons Learned From **Josiah**

- **We do NOT have to act like our family members**
  - Manasseh
    - 2 Kings 21:9-11
  - Amon
    - 2 Chronicles 33:21-23

Just because our ancestors did not do what was pleasing to God, that we too must follow their paths

Lessons Learned From **Josiah**

- **Young people do a lot in service to God**
  - Josiah became king at age 8
  - He began seeking the Lord at age 16
    - 2 Chronicles 34:3
  - Solomon
    - Ecclesiastes 12:1
  - Paul
    - 1 Timothy 4:12

Young people can do many things for the cause of **Christ**

Lessons Learned From **Josiah**

- **God had confidence in Josiah – even before he was born**
  - God knows all things
    - 1 Kings 13:1-2
  - Fulfillment came years later
    - 2 Kings 23:15-16
  - Good if God had that much confidence in us

God knows whether this world will be better because you and I came this way

Lessons Learned From **Josiah**

- **Josiah loved the word of God**
  - Told of his love
    - 2 Kings 23:24
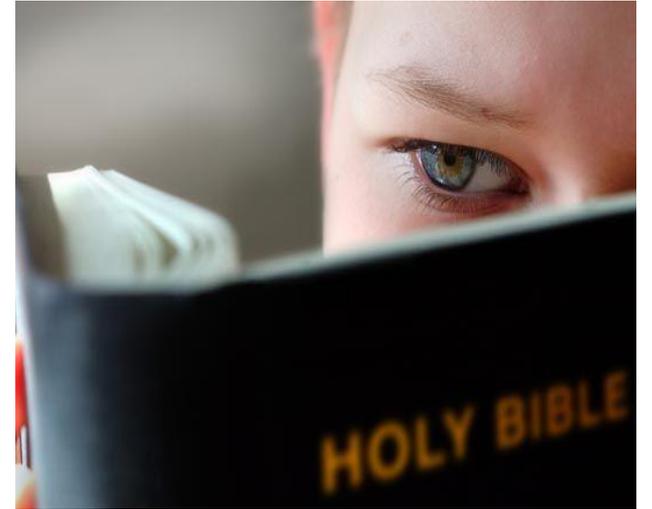   - 2 Chronicles 34:19
  - He read the words of God to the people
    - 2 Kings 23:2-3
- **Josiah was determined to restore true religion**
  - Knew he must put into action God's plan
    - 2 Chronicles 34:19-21; 35:1-3

Lessons Learned From **Josiah**

- **Sometimes bad things happen to good people**
  - Although a good man –
    he still made a bad choice
    - 2 Chronicles 35:20-23

"The archers shot at king Josiah."
—2 Chron. xxxv. 23.

Lessons Learned From **Josiah**

- **Our children will not always follow in our footsteps**
  - The sons of Josiah did **NOT** follow his love of God
    - Jeremiah 36:28-30
    - 2 Kings 23:31-32; 23:36-37; 24:8-9

Truths Learned

- Must realize that no life is lived correctly without God
- Must seek God while we are young
- Must make a difference for good in the world
- Must stand opposed to religious error
- Must restore the truth of God's Holy Word
- Restoration is an on-going process – can end rapidly
- Our children might not appreciate where we stood
- Must please God in all aspects of our life
- We should be bothered when error is running rampant