

Intentional Leading

2 Kings 21-23

*“He (Josiah) did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and followed completely the ways of his father David.” “He did not turn aside to the right or to the left.” 2 Kings 22:2
“Neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him who turned to the Lord as he did.” 2 Kings 23:25*

What prevents us from moving from good intentions to action?

- Patterns are hard to break.

He (Manasseh) did evil in the eyes of the Lord, following the detestable practices of the nations the Lord had driven out before the Israelites. 2 Kings 21:2

He (Manasseh) sacrificed his own son in the fire, practiced divination, sought omens, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the eyes of the Lord, arousing his anger. 2 Kings 21:6

Manasseh also murdered many innocent people until Jerusalem was filled from one end to the other with innocent blood. This was in addition to the sin that he caused the people of Judah to commit, leading them to do evil in the Lord’s sight.” 2 Kings 21:16

Amon was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem two years. His mother’s name was Meshullemeth daughter of Haruz; she was from Jotbah. He did evil in the eyes of the Lord, as his father Manasseh had done. He followed completely the ways of his father, worshiping the idols his father had worshiped, and bowing down to them. He forsook the Lord, the God of his ancestors, and did not walk in obedience to him. 2 Kings 21:20-22

- I must intentionally choose a new path.

“Do not be deceived. God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.” Galatians 6:7