

TAKE HOME SHEET



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One of the great examples of bringing reform is King Josiah of Israel. History of his efforts are found in the Old Testament book of 2 Kings. He became king at a very young age and inherited a kingdom that had adopted practices that were despicable to God.

*<sup>1</sup> Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. His mother was Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah from Bozkath. <sup>2</sup> He did what was pleasing in the Lord's sight and followed the example of his ancestor David. He did not turn away from doing what was right.*

2 Kings 22:1–2 (NLT)

**At the end of his life here is what is recorded about him:**

*Never before had there been a king like Josiah, who turned to the Lord with all his heart and soul and strength, obeying all the laws of Moses. And there has never been a king like him since.*

2 Kings 23:25 (NLT)

Read about King Josiah and his reforms in 2 Kings 22 – 2 Kings 23:25, and think about the following questions:

What do you think led Josiah to be fully devoted to God when others weren't?

What did he risk in pursuing the reforms?

How do you see his personal devotion to God reflected in the reforms?

What about his example inspires you to a deeper devotion to God?

**BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:**

AMP – Amplified Bible  
NIV – New International Version  
NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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**reform** (def): to change to a better form or condition

(Merriam-Webster)

**Systemic reform requires individual reform to be sustained.**

**Most of us are fans of change that others make for our benefit.**

**But much fewer like change that benefits others at our expense.**

*This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!*

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

*...all must repent of their sins and turn to God—and prove they have changed by the good things they do.*

Acts 26:20 (NLT)

*Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.*

Romans 12:2 (NLT)

*Let your light so shine before men that they may see your moral excellence and your praiseworthy, noble, and good deeds and recognize and honor and praise and glorify your Father Who is in heaven.*

Matthew 5:16 (AMP)

**Don't wait for a crisis...start today!**

*<sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. <sup>24</sup> Point out anything in me that offends you and lead me along the path of everlasting life.*

Psalms 139:23–24 (NLT)

**Small changes over time have a big impact.**

*<sup>30</sup> I walked by the field of a lazy person, the vineyard of one with no common sense. <sup>31</sup> I saw that it was overgrown with nettles. It was covered with weeds and its walls were broken down. <sup>32</sup> Then, as I looked and thought about it I learned this lesson: <sup>33</sup> A little extra sleep, a little more slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest— <sup>34</sup> then poverty will pounce on you like a bandit; scarcity will attack you like an armed robber.*

Proverbs 24:27–34 (NLT)

*...he who gathers money little by little makes it grow.*

Proverbs 13:11 (NIV)