
Renovations and Revival

2 CHRONICLES 34

Lean In

1. How hopeful do you think today's young people are about their ability to change the world for the better?
2. What significant jobs could be done, in a local church, by a young person?

Look Down

Read 2 Chronicles 34:1-13

3. What kind of spiritual leadership did Josiah give the nation (34:2)?
4. What were the reforms Josiah accomplished? Do you sense these reforms were completed with ease or with some difficulty? Explain.
5. Is there anything to suggest that there was resistance, use of force and even violence in Josiah's clean-up program?
6. What did Josiah do in an attempt to remove the guilt of the people for their previous idol worship (34:5)?
7. How extensive were Josiah's efforts to clean up the nation (34:6-7)? Why was it wise for Josiah to leave no stone unturned in getting rid of idolatry?
8. Why do you think the repair of the temple was not attended to first? What point might Josiah be trying to press?
9. What did Josiah send, via trusted messengers, to enable the high priest to repair the temple? (34:8- 9)
10. How was the repair of the temple paid for? What was the extent of repair?
11. According to v.12b and 13a, what might have helped the men do their work joyfully?

Look Out

12. What are the idols and 'Asherah poles' of our days? How do we bow to them, consciously or unconsciously?

Look In

13. How long did it take for Josiah to purge Judah and Jerusalem from all the false gods?
 - a. Do you think he was tempted to give up at times? What kept him going for that length of time?
 - b. What about you? What would help you take a thorough inventory of your spiritual life? Are there any false gods/idols you need to proactively take down?
 - c. If you've already been on a purging journey, how long has it been? How has it been? Who/what has helped you?
14. *"He hard-wired us to need, to want, and to find our satisfaction in Him and Him alone..."* Mike Bickle. What do your idols reveal about your need to be satisfied in God?
15. Josiah sought the "God of his father, David." Has your appetite for God ever been awakened by somebody? Who? In what ways?

16. The temple was repaired because of the money collected from Israel (v.9). What was your initial reaction to the repair needed at The Peoples Church? How will you go about discerning your contribution to its repairs?