



MAKING A CHANGE - Josiah

Life is full of change. Sometimes, the changes we make are not good. However, don't forget the positive changes you have made. Let's check out a Biblical case study.

2 Chronicles 33:20 - So Manasseh died. His son, Amon, became king.

2 Chronicles 33:21 - Amon was 22 when he became king; he reigned two years. He did evil in the sight of the Lord.

2 Chronicles 33:24-25 - King Amon's palace servants murdered him. The nation made Amon's son, Josiah, to be king.

2 Chronicles 34:1 - Josiah was 8 years old when he became king. He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord.

1. Who was King Josiah's grandfather? _____
2. Check what kind of king he was. ___Evil ___Godly ___Both
3. Who was King Josiah's father? _____
4. Check what kind of king he was? ___Evil ___Godly ___Both
5. What kind of a king was Josiah? ___Evil ___Godly ___Both

2 Kings 22:1 - Josiah was 8 years old when he became king, and he reigned 31 years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jedidah.

2 Kings 22:8-10 - Then Hilkiah the high priest said to Staphan the scribe, "I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the Lord." Then Shaphan the scribe showed King Josiah the "Book".

2 Chronicles 35:25 - Jeremiah lamented for Josiah who was killed in battle. (Age 39)

Jeremiah 1:2 - The Word of the Lord came to Jeremiah in the days of King Josiah.

Zephaniah 1:1 - The Word of the Lord came to Zephaniah in the days of Josiah, king of Judah.

6. I always wondered how an 8-year-old kid could reign as king. If his mother, Jedidah, became queen after King Amon died, explain it to me.

-
7. ___Y___N Is it possible that even though her husband, King Amon, was evil, she might have made a personal change in her own life?

8. How else do we explain the Godly attitude of Josiah from age 8 - 16?

9. Notice the other people mentioned in the verses above, they all lived right there in Jerusalem where King Josiah lived & reigned. What kind of influence did they have on him and his mother? _____

10. Quite a group of men: 2 prophets, 1 high priest, and 1 scribe. Each of them made a major decision in their lives to serve God in a very hostile world. How might Josiah's and his mother's lives have been different without their help and encouragement? _____

11. Y N Have there been people in your life who made an important life change which helped change your life?

*2 Chronicles 34:3 - In the 8th year of Josiah's reign (at age 16), he began to **seek** the Lord of his ancestor King David. In the 12th years of his reign (at age 20), he began **tearing down** the idolatrous worship centers. In the 18th year of his reign (at age 26), he ordered the **repair** of the house of the Lord (the temple).*

12. What three things (changes) did Josiah do in his first 18 years as King of Judah?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

13. You and I are also in need of making the same three changes in our lives.

- a. Y N Have you **sought for** the Lord and found him?
- b. Y N Have you had to **tear something down** in your life that should not be there?
- c. Y N Have you **repaired some things** in your life that desperately needed your attention?

14. If you have not done any of these things, would you think again?