



## MAKING A CHANGE - Manasseh

*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 32:33 - 33:2 - So Hezekiah rested with his fathers; he prospered in all his works. They buried him and honored him. Then Manasseh his son reigned in his place. Manasseh was 12 when he became king. He reigned 55 years in Jerusalem but he did evil in the sight of the Lord.*

1.   Y  N If God said that Hezekiah "prospered in all his works", can we assume that he honored the Lord? (2 Chr. 29:2)
2. Explain how a godly king could have a son who was ungodly.  
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3. Hezekiah was a good king. Like anyone else in the human race, he was not perfect. He could have done a lot of positive things, been very successful, defeated enemies, acquired lots of wealth, & provided a very comfortable lifestyle for his family. Explain what more a son would need to become an honorable man. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Manasseh watched his father stand up for God and fight for a holy & righteous kingdom. When he entered leadership, he was only 12. What decisions could he have already made for his own life? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Since he was only a kid, the leaders in the government who served his father would still have been in leadership, running the kingdom for him. He would probably have seen godly decisions being made. He became an evil king. What happened? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Why do you think God allowed Manasseh to be king of Israel for 55 years? Why allow bad choices to continue? \_\_\_\_\_

2 Chronicles 33:10-13 - And the Lord spoke to Manasseh but he would not listen. Therefore, God brought the armies of Assyria against Israel and hauled Manasseh off in chains to Babylon. Now when Manasseh was suffering arrest in prison, he begged the Lord and humbled himself greatly before the Lord, and prayed to him. God heard him and brought him back to Jerusalem to resume being king. THEN MANASSEH KNEW THAT THE LORD WAS GOD.

7. When a person makes decisions that are NOT in God's plan & will, what are the consequences? \_\_\_\_\_
8.   Y  N Did Hezekiah's decisions have some impact here?
9.   Y  N Did Manasseh's decisions have some impact here?
10. Who is more to blame here?   Hezekiah   Manasseh
11. Regardless of who was to blame, Manasseh paid the price. Who else would have paid the price? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Is a decision to make a good change valid if it is motivated under pressure? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_
13. When Manasseh was living an evil life in Israel, he probably did not pray much. Now, he's in a bind and decides to pray. Why would God bother to listen? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Why do you think Manasseh prayed in the first place?
  - a.   Y  N He wanted to start pleasing God.
  - b.   Y  N He wanted deliverance from one of his enemies.
  - c.   Y  N He wanted his kingdom back.
  - d.   Y  N He had no one else to turn to.
  - e.   Y  N He was sorry for his evil life & wanted to change.
15. When Manasseh was 12, his father, Hezekiah was sick and was going to die. Hezekiah begged God for 15 more years to live. That sounds like a logical request except Hezekiah started making questionable decisions as king during those 15 years. Also, Manasseh was born during those 15 years. How could these facts have affected everything? \_\_\_\_\_  
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