



KINGS & VALUES

JOSIAH & HUNGRY HEARTS



2 CHRONICLES 34:1-2

¹ Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. ² He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and followed the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left.



Josiah's Hungry Heart...



In the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young,
he began to seek the God of his father David.

2 CHRONICLES 34:3



Josiah's Prophetic Destiny...



1 KINGS 13:1-2

¹ By the word of the Lord a man of God came from Judah to Bethel, as Jeroboam was standing by the altar to make an offering. ² By the word of the Lord he cried out against the altar: “Altar, altar! This is what the Lord says:



1 KINGS 13:1-2

‘A son named Josiah will be born to the house of David. On
you he will sacrifice the priests of the high places who make
offerings here, and human bones will be burned on you.’”



2 CHRONICLES 34:3-5

³ In his twelfth year he [Josiah] began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of high places, Asherah poles and idols.

⁴ Under his direction the altars of the Baals were torn down; he cut to pieces the incense altars that were above them, and smashed the Asherah poles and the idols.



2 CHRONICLES 34:3-5

These he broke to pieces and scattered over the graves of those who had sacrificed to them. ⁵ He burned the bones of the priests on their altars, and so he purged Judah and Jerusalem.



What did Josiah do to be ready?



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Affections:

**Josiah did not secretly love the things that
God was calling him to confront.**



2 CORINTHIANS 6:17-18

¹⁷ Therefore, “Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you.” ¹⁸ And, “I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”



1 PETER 4:3-4

³ For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry.

⁴ They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you.



Antidote:

Josiah kept his heart hungry for God.



2 KINGS 23:25

²⁵ Neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him who turned to the Lord as he did—with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his strength, in accordance with all the Law of Moses.



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