

## MAKING CHANGES ( II Kings 22:1-2 )

As much as we would like our life to be like “the good old days” that is not going to happen. Life has changed so fast for everyone that no one is surprised by anything any more. Think about the changes in these things alone. 1. Politics 2. Mobility 3. Aging 4. Culture / Morality 5. Marital Status 6. Economy.

## ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY

**II Kings 23:1-3** One of the reasons for the decay of our society is the lack of people taking responsibility for their actions. The example of young King Josiah reminds us how much difference one person can make when exposed to the truth of God's word and having a desire to do what is right.

**James 5:16** God will not move one inch for a slothful, lazy person who gets more excited about worldly things than the things of God.

**Matthew 26:41** Jesus tells us Himself that it takes prayer to stay away from the temptations of life that rob us of finding the straight and narrow way that leads to godliness.

**II Timothy 2:15** We are admonished to study God's word in order that we might have the truth for those who do not and be able to explain the scriptures by “rightly dividing” them.

**Acts 1:8** This command from the Lord gives the responsibility to believers everywhere to be witnesses for Christ. If we do not tell our loved ones about Jesus who will?

**Ephesians 5:18; Galatians 5:22-23** It is the responsibility of every believer to be filled with the Spirit of God and to be producing the fruits of the Spirit in our daily life.

**I Corinthians 12:1-7** Paul admonishes this sinful, carnal church about utilizing their spiritual gifts within the body of the local assembly. Our responsibility is to work together for the betterment of all.

## TAKE ACTION

**James 4:17** For some reason I believe James must have been looking down the corridors of time when he wrote this. Most believers know what our responsibilities are but don't commit to doing them.

**Matthew 6:31-33** Why not accept our responsibility and make the necessary changes to take action this year and put God first in everything just to challenge God and see Him work in our life.

**I Timothy 6:12** We can see the world changing before our eyes every day. This year why not make some changes and determine to stand up for God everywhere we can, at home, at work, and at play.

**Luke 6:38** We all know that it is our responsibility to support the local church and to send out and support missionaries. Why not take the challenge from God's word and give by faith more than ever.

## CLAIM GOD'S RESOURCES

**II Kings 22:8-11** The biggest reason Josiah was a great King and such a capable change-maker was because he claimed the greatest resource available to him and to us also and that was the word of God.

**I Corinthians 3:16; Galatians 5:16** In our everyday life we tend to walk by experience and by sight. If we would allow the Holy Spirit to guide us and to convict us we would be able to serve God better.

**Philippians 4:13** When God pricks our heart to do something for Him remember that it is Christ who wants to do the work not us doing it in the flesh. He has the power and the love to do all things.

**Romans 8:32** Certainly one of the greatest resources we have is God's never changing, unconditional love for us that will never fail. When things don't look so good we can always rely on His provisions.

