



Lesson 4: Leading Others Down the Right Path (2 Chron. 17)

Each revival king in 2 Chronicles represents a different principle of restoration:

1. Asa - _____ God's Laws
2. _____ – Teach God's Word
3. Joash – Pay God's Due
4. Hezekiah - _____ God's _____
5. Josiah – Return to God's _____

Today we turn our attention to the life of Jehoshaphat. 2 Chronicles 17-20 gives the record of this great revivalist. Though he was not a perfect man, as we shall see in the weeks to come, he was still used by God to turn his people back to the right path spiritually. Perhaps 19:4 best describes Jehoshaphat's reign as king.

- *“And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem: and he went out again through the people from Beersheba to mount Ephraim, and _____ them _____ unto the Lord God of their fathers.” (19:4)*

Today we will be studying chapter 17 and as we do so we will discover the kind of person that God uses to turn his people back to Himself. There is a need for a leader in every revival. If we are going to see a revival in our youth group we need some godly guys and girls to step up to the plate and be ready to lead.

GODLY LEADERS PERSONALY WALK WITH GOD

- You can do no wiser thing than to solemnly and stringently bind yourself upon God and resolve to cling to His Word.

A. Walking with God requires a spiritual _____ (v. 1-2)

It is unwise to assume that just because all is well with us now that all must always be well with us. We must “place forces in our fenced cities” and “set garrisons in our land.” We do this by ...

- 1) Forming wise _____ of _____
- 2) Getting on the course of sacred _____
- 3) Maintaining a right _____ of soul

B. Walking with God requires a specific _____ (v. 3-4)

“A man who wants to lead the orchestra must turn his back on the crowd.” Jehoshaphat committed to follow the commandments of God rather than the practices of Israel.

GODLY LEADERS _____ OTHERS TO WALK WITH GOD

- Godly leaders not only seek the Lord for themselves, they encourage others to seek the Lord with them.

A. Lead others by _____ others (v. 7-8)

Jehoshaphat employed the work of his officials and send them out into every city. He expanded his own influence by administering important tasks to others. God never intended for us to be _____ in ministry.

B. Lead others by _____ God's Word (v. 9)

The time of revival could only come after a time of reformation and preparation. Jehoshaphat was concerned that the people learn God's Word. Without a strong emphasis on God's Word any revival will be _____ lived. One of the main reasons for the brevity of our own seasons of blessing is the neglect of our personal time in the Word.

GODLY LEADERS PROSPER IN THEIR WALK WITH GOD

Look at some of the results of Jehoshaphat's godly leadership on the nation of Judah.

- V. 10 – they experienced a time of _____
- V. 11-12 – they experienced a time of _____

Let's review. What really brought Jehoshaphat to the place of God's blessing?

1. Intellectually – he saw _____, and not Baal, as God.
2. _____ – he sought after God.
3. Volitionally – he _____ God.

It was no wonder that Jehoshaphat experienced God's hand of blessing after he took the steps necessary to lead his nation down the path of revival.

Concluding Thoughts

Some of you are our future leaders. In our church, the community, the state, the nation. But what kind of leader will be you be? What kind of leader are you right now? The challenge from 2 Chronicles 17 is that you would be a godly leader. Be a leader who will lead others to _____ with _____. Jehoshaphat was used of God to bring people back the God. Will you be such a leader as that?