



Lesson 7: Renovating Your Life (2 Chronicles 29)

Of all the revival kings: Asa, Jehoshaphat, Joash, and Josiah - _____ was perhaps the greatest. There were 12 kings in Judah before Hezekiah took the throne at the age of 25. Many of these men brought ruin, shame, and apostasy to Judah. His own father, Ahaz, was one of those godless kings. During the 20-year reign of Ahaz, Judah declined in every way – politically and socially and more critically spiritually and morally. When Hezekiah took the throne it was time to _____. And Hezekiah did! The words of our text express the determination and dedication with which King Hezekiah began to renovate the land.

In many ways we live in a time similar to the one King Hezekiah found himself in. It's time to clean house and renovate the church!

- If there are things that are broken, it is our duty to _____ them
- If there are things that are _____, it is our duty to replace them.
- If there are things that don't belong, it is our duty to _____ them.

It's time to renovate your life!

RENOVATING YOUR LIFE REQUIRES _____ WHAT IS BROKEN (1-3)

A. If you are going to repair what is broken you need to be _____ in your duty

The new 25 year old king begins to make changes at the very outset of his reign. We read that *"in the very first month of the first year of his reign"* he put into motion that which was necessary to clean house and renovate the land.

B. If you are going to repair what is broken you need to _____ the doors.

The doors of the temple had been closed and barred during the reign of Ahaz. Ahaz had introduced foreign gods into Judah and encouraged the people to worship them. So Hezekiah opened the doors! Before establishing social and moral reforms, before restoring political power, before he did anything else – he opened the doors to the temple and restored the worship of God.

RENOVATING YOUR LIFE REQUIRES _____ WHAT DOESN'T BELONG (4-5)

A. Requires _____ Cleansing

"Now sanctify yourself" (v. 5). Hezekiah gathered the priests to let them know that revival could only begin when some real cleaning take place. Any reformation worth its salt must be thorough in its cleaning.

B. Requires External _____

Not only were there some things that were broken in the temple, there were some things that didn't belong. When Hezekiah ascended to the throne he took the proper steps to purge the temple of the things that didn't belong. Whenever there is something in your life that shouldn't be there the only answer is to _____ it! There may be some things in this youth group that need to be removed if we are ever going to experience a revival.

RENOVATING YOUR LIFE REQUIRES _____ WHAT HAS BEEN NEGLECTED (6-11)

As he addressed the Priests and Levites, Hezekiah explained that their *"fathers have trespassed and done that which was evil in the eyes of the Lord."* They had turned their backs on the Lord, abandoned the temple, shut the doors of the temples entrance, stopped burning, stopped presenting burnt offering, and abandoned their God. What did Hezekiah observe was neglected in the kingdom?

- _____ - *"Our fathers have trespassed and done that which was evil in the eyes of the Lord"* (6a)
- _____ - *"They have forsaken [God]"* (6b)
- _____ - *"They have turned their faces away from the habitation of the Lord and turned their backs"* (6c)
- _____ - *"They shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense"* (7a)
- _____ - *"They ceased offering burnt-offerings in the holy placed unto the God of Israel"* (7b)

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

There comes a point in all of our lives when we need to clean house. Whatever it is that prevents us from shining as temples radiant with God's Spirit, we need to get rid of it. Open the doors of your heart. Carry the filth out of your life.

DESTROY THE _____ BEFORE IT DESTROYS _____!