

LIVING FOR GOD
A STUDY OF 2 KINGS
#9: THE POWER OF INFLUENCE
2 KINGS 12 AND 13
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I. A LIST OF THE KINGS OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH—931-586 BC*

KINGDOM OF JUDAH (SOUTHERN)

- Rehoboam (931-913) - Evil
 - Abijah (913-911) - Evil
 - Asa (911-870) - Good
 - Jehoshaphat (870-848) - Good
 - Jehoram (848-841) - Evil
 - Ahaziah (r. 841) - Evil
 - Athaliah (841-835 Queen) - Evil
 - Jehoash/Joash (835-796) - Mixed
 - Amaziah (796-767) - Mixed
 - Uzziah (aka Azariah) (767-748) - Pretty good
 - Jotham (748-732) - Good
 - Ahaz (732-716) – Very evil
 - Hezekiah (716-687) - Very good
 - Manasseh (687-642) - Very evil
 - Amon (642-640) - Evil
 - Josiah (640-608) - Very good
 - Jehoahaz (608) - Evil
 - Jehoiakim (608-597) – Mostly evil
 - Jehoiachin (597) - Evil
 - Zedekiah (597-586) - Evil
- BABYLONIAN EXILE (586-450 BC)**

KINGDOM OF ISRAEL (NORTHERN)

- Jeroboam I (931-910) - Evil
- Nadab (910-909) - Evil
- Baasha (909-886) - Evil
- Elah (886-885) - Evil
- Zimri (885 Reigned 7 days) - Evil
- Omri (885-874) - Evil
- Ahab (874-853) - Very evil
- Ahaziah (853-852) - Evil
- Jehoram/Joram (852-841) - Slightly less evil
- Jehu (841-814) - Neutral
- Jehoahaz (814-798) - Evil
- Jehoash (798-782) - Evil
- Jeroboam II (782-753) - Evil
- Zechariah (r. 753-752) - Evil
- Shallum (752) - Evil
- Menahem (752-742) - Evil
- Pekahiah (742-740) - Evil
- Pekah (752-733) - Evil
- Hoshea (732-722) - Evil

ASSYRIAN/BABYLONIAN EXILE (722-450 BC)

II. THE POWER OF INFLUENCE IN MY LIFE

Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.

Proverbs 13:20 (NLT)

Do not be deceived: “Bad company corrupts good morals.”

1 Corinthians 15:33 (NASB)

You are the average of the five people you spend the most time with.

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Birds of a feather flock together
Unknown

III. “TAKE AWAYS” FROM 2 KINGS 12 AND 13

- 1. The Lord deserves my best (12:1-16)**
- 2. A lack of faith can result in spiritual compromise (v.17-18)**
- 3. Faithfulness rooted in my personal relationship with God (v.20-21; 2 Chron. 24:17-25)**
- 4. Finishing well is based on my commitment to the Word of God (2 Chron. 24:17-25)**

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

But Jesus told him, “No! The Scriptures say, ‘People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Matthew 4:4 (NLT)

Some things God’s Word promises to do for me from Psalm 119:

- Joy that nothing in this world can provide or destroy (v.1-2).
- Protection from the devastating self-inflicted wounds of sin (v.9-11).
- Strength in time of sorrow (v.28).
- Freedom from guilt and shame (v.32).
- Wholesome values (v.37).
- Comfort in time of suffering (v.50).
- Deeper understanding of God’s character (v.68)
- Advantages over my enemies (v.98)
- Wisdom that is superior to any secular education (v.99)
- Guidance to make the best decisions (v.105)
- Assurance that the Lord is with me (v.151)
- Unshakable inner peace (v.165)
- Eternal salvation (v.166)

- 5. Be careful who and what my influences are (2 Chronicles 24:17-25)**
- 6. God’s mercy is based on His faithfulness – not mine (13:1-5)**
- 7. Disobedience ultimately results in defeat (v.6-13)**
- 8. Small faith limits victory (v.14-19)**

...“According to your faith will it be done to you”
Matthew 9:29 (NIV)

- 9. My faithful legacy can outlive me (v.20-25)**