



Reclaiming America's Values

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[Josiah] did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and walked in all the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left. (2 Kings 22:2, NIV)

This he did to fulfill the requirements of the law written in the book that Hilkiah the priest had discovered in the temple of the Lord. 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. (2 Kings 23:24b-25, NIV)

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people. (Proverbs 14:34, NIV)

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. (Galatians 6:7-8, NIV)

Lessons from Josiah:

- 1. The spirituality of a declining nation can be reclaimed.**
- 2. If change is to occur, the leadership will most likely come from young people.**
- 3. Spiritual renewal demands drastic measures.**



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What Can We Do?

1. First, we can pray.

If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14, NIV)

2. We can repent.

3. Understand that to experience revival and renewal we don't have to turn the entire nation to God, just a few people at a time.

4. We can be informed about the issues.

5. We must vote and vote values.

6. Speak up with boldness.

7. We must always act in love.

8. We can be hopeful.