

Hezekiah Desired To Do What Was Right

2 Kings 18:1-8

Like Hezekiah...

**EVERYONE MUST CHOOSE
THE PATH THEIR LIFE WILL
FOLLOW**

Life is Choices!

- No matter who you are, your life's direction will be the results of your desires and the choices these drive **you** to make – Mt. 12:35
- Your desires are the focus of Satan's attacks – Gen. 3:6; 1 Jn. 2:15-17
- With God, your life and salvation have always been about choices—what **you** desire to do.
 - Israel – Deut. 30:19-20
 - Christians – 1 Pet. 3:10-12

**HEZEKIAH DID WHAT WAS
RIGHT...DESPITE THE ODDS**

Hezekiah did right **despite** his family

- The saying, “the apple doesn’t fall far from the tree,” speaks of the influence our parents have over us.
- Hezekiah’s father, Ahaz, was an ungodly reprobate who led Judah into idolatry and rebellion – 2 Kgs. 16:1-4; 2 Chron. 28:22-25
- Nothing about Hezekiah’s immediate family would have led him to his righteous stand for God...**but he took that stand!**
 - Hezekiah chose to believe God and His word – Prov. 14:12; 12:28
 - There were no excuses, no blaming his upbringing—he chose God and life – Ezek. 18:14, 17; Mt. 10:37

Hezekiah did right **despite** his age

- His father was 11 when Hezekiah was born and died at 36. Hezekiah became king at 25 yrs. – 2 Kings 16:2; 18:2
- Nothing about the timing of his life pointed toward him being a good or **righteous** king! – 2 Kings 18:3
- Hezekiah gives us hope for all future generations!
 - When Satan seeks to discourage us about the future of God's people, we must **remember Hezekiah!**
 - Rather than the decay of virtue growing worse and worse, **God raised up Hezekiah**, a son of David!
 - God's word will continue to do its job – Isa. 55:10-11
- If you are young like Hezekiah, choose to shine as a beacon of righteousness – 1 Tim. 4:12

Hezekiah did right **despite** the culture

- Judah's culture was one of faithlessness, ignorance, and apostasy ruled by idolatry – 2 Pet. 2:7-8
- Despite Judah's engrained rebellion, Hezekiah immediately took on the role of God's reformer.
 - This role mean *standing against idolatry and wickedness* – 2 Kings 18:4
 - This role meant *standing for God's ways* without retreat – 2 Kings 18:5-6
 - These choices meant the Lord was with him – 2 Kgs. 18:7-8
- God expects no less from each of us! – Phil. 2:14-16

Conclusion

- Satan's war raged against God and His people continues today.
- God expects us to be like Hezekiah and make the righteous choices needed to impact the world for Christ!
- Like Hezekiah, we must do right...
 - Despite our family
 - Despite our age
 - Despite our wicked and rebellious culture
- Will you make that choice today?