

People's Choice...

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Scripture: 2 Chronicles 24

A Tale of Two Kings

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1. A Tale of Two Kings:
 - Matching: Guess which king was good and which was evil.
 - Young king or old king?
 - King who began his reign during blessing and peace, or during trouble and conflict?
2. Two Tales of One King:
 - King Joash's Family Tree
 - Grandpa Jehoram (2 Chronicles 21:4)
 - Father Athaliah (2 Chronicles 22:2)
 - Grandma Athaliah (2 Chronicles 22:10)
 - Jehoida the Priest (2 Chronicles 22:10-12, 23:11, 21)
 - Young, good King Joash (2 Chronicles 24:1-3)
 - Old, evil King Joash (2 Chronicles 24:15-18, 22)
3. Some observations:
 - Joash was a good king as long as Jehoida was alive to advise him.
 - Jehoida was not perfect!
 - After Jehoida died, Joash quickly became evil.
4. Why? What about Proverbs 22:6? "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."
 - Why do people who should know better walk away from God?
 - We are all Joash (and Anakin Skywalker!).
5. One King - Two Trusts
 - Hero of every Bible story is God! Only true, good, perfect king.
 - Who do we trust?!?
 - The value and danger of good advisors.
 - Jeremiah 17:7. Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water..."
 - Jeremiah 17:5. "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the LORD."
6. Attribution Error. To what (or whom) do we attribute our success and blessing?
7. 2 Corinthians 4:7) The only way for us cracked pots to not crack up entirely.