

## Lessons in **Defeating Sin** from Josiah



- Josiah was only \_\_\_\_ years old when he began to reign in Jerusalem. He was one of the few good kings of Judah, doing what was right in the eyes of the LORD (2 Kings 22:1-2).
- When he was 26, he told his servants to use money that had been collected from the people to repair the \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Kings 22:3-7).
- While making the repairs, Hilkiah the high priest found the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Law which had been given by God through Moses to the children of Israel (2 Kings 22:8-10); the Book had apparently been lost or hidden, perhaps during the long reign of wicked King Manasseh—Josiah’s grandfather—who reigned for 55 years in Jerusalem (2 Kings 21:1-18).
- When Josiah \_\_\_\_\_ the words of the Book of the Law read, he was devastated and ashamed that God’s people had not been obeying God’s will (2 Kings 22:11-13).
- In 2 Kings 23, Josiah zealously worked to \_\_\_\_\_ the nation of Judah and initiate a spiritual revival.

“\_\_\_\_\_” shows us that Josiah was serious about defeating sin (2 Kings 23:1-3). **If we’re serious, what can we learn from his example?**

- Get rid of the physical \_\_\_\_\_ (23:4)
- Separate yourself from the \_\_\_\_\_ who shamelessly promote sin (23:5)
- Assess and address your \_\_\_\_\_ in the places where temptation flourishes (23:7-10)
- Put the passing \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of sin into perspective (23:11)
- Leave the \_\_\_\_\_ of impurity behind forever (23:12)
- Fill the vacuum left by sin with godly \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (23:21-23)