

## Joash Repairs the Temple - 2 Kings 12:1-21

**Topics:** Accountability, Advice, Death, Disobedience, Employment, Enemies, Family, Gifts, Guilt, Honor, Instructions, Integrity, Money, Rebellion, Right, Sin, War, Wealth, Work

### Open It

1. What aspect of personal finances do you find most trying?
2. What do you appreciate most about honest tradesmen?
3. In what situations is honesty very important to you?
- \* 4. What are the pros and cons of doing home repairs yourself versus calling a professional?

### Explore It

5. How long did Joash reign in Judah? (12:1)
6. What was a major factor in making Joash's reign pleasing to God? (12:2)
7. What displeasing practices from earlier monarchs did Joash not eliminate? (12:3)
- \* 8. What was the original plan for funding and accomplishing the repairs on the temple? (12:4-5)
9. How much time elapsed without any real change in the condition of the temple? (12:6)
- \* 10. What change did Joash order in the procedure for repairing the temple? (12:7-8)
11. What was Jehoiada's innovation, which allowed only two people to handle the money that came in? (12:9-10)
- \* 12. Who received the money and channeled it into the work in the new arrangement? (12:11-12)
13. What ceased when repairs on the temple speeded up? (12:13-14)
14. How reliable were the on-site supervisors of the temple repairs? (12:15)
15. What types of offerings were being received by the priests? (12:16)
16. What military threat did Israel face during Joash's reign? (12:17)
17. What did Joash decide to give away in order to stave off an invasion? (12:18)
18. What brought about the end of Joash's reign? (12:20-21)
19. Who succeeded Joash as king of Judah? (12:21)

### Get It

20. What interpersonal relationship proved beneficial for Joash and for Judah?
21. What popular practice of the people of Judah did Joash and Jehoiada decline to challenge?
- \* 22. Why were the repairs to the temple less than successful when each priest was given supplementary money and expected to do the work himself?
23. How did Joash ensure that the money given to the temple restoration was used wisely?
24. What does it mean to use money wisely?
25. What are the advantages of having organizational funds handled by the fewest individuals possible?
26. How did Jehoiada make sure that the needs of the priests were still met when the accounting system changed?
- \* 27. How did Jehoiada ensure that all the work got done and all responsibilities were carried out satisfactorily?
28. What difference does it make how honest we are?
29. What was good and bad about the way Joash held off the threat from Hazael?
30. What are the pitfalls of "buying off" a bully?

### Apply It

- \* 31. In what area of life where you guide or supervise others could you call forth the best in them by trusting them with more responsibility?
32. What is one thing you can do to earn the trust of your boss, spouse, or other important person this

week?

33. In what situation do you need to trust God instead of “buying” security for the moment?