



## DAILY DEVOTIONS

THE 7 ARROWS OF BIBLE READING



What does this passage say?



What did this passage mean to its original audience?



What does this passage tell us about God?



What does this passage tell us about man?



What does this passage demand of me?



How does this passage change the way I relate to people?



How does this passage prompt me to pray?

DAY 01

## 2 CHRON. 22:1-22

Consider who the most influential people in your life are and the effect of their influence on you. Ahaziah was badly influenced by his own mother and a relative named Joram. His relationship with each of them led to his downfall. He listened to their advice, and it eventually cost him his life. You need to be wise about who you listen to. We all need godly influences who will help us become more like Christ. Pursue relationships that lead you to become the person God has made you to be.

WHO ARE THE MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE?

HOW IS THEIR INFLUENCE SHAPING YOU?

WHO CAN YOU INFLUENCE FOR CHRIST?

DAY 02

## 2 CHRON. 23:1-21

WHAT SITUATIONS IN YOUR LIFE REQUIRE COURAGE?

WHAT KEEPS YOU FROM BEING MORE COURAGEOUS?

HOW COULD GOD USE YOU TO BE A LEADER FOR GOOD?

Doing what is right in a sinful world takes courage. Sometimes those in authority are responsible for wrongdoing and it takes risk to stand up for what is right. Jehoiada shows us what it looks like to do good in the face of evil. The queen had killed all the other heirs to the throne, but Jehoiada protected Joash and opposed the queen despite the risk. He led others to do the same and tore down the idols. Living for Christ takes courage, but God will give you the strength you need to do what is good when you commit to Him with all your heart.

DAY 03

## 2 CHRON. 24:1-14

Joash led the nation to restore the temple, and our King Jesus is also leading a restoration process. He wants to restore people and make us His temple. For Judah, the work required sacrifice, generosity, and commitment. The same will be required of us. But notice that all the people rejoiced to be a part of God's work. Despite the sacrifices involved, we should rejoice that God wants to use us. We should be eager to give of ourselves to see others restored to God.

WHAT MIGHT IT LOOK LIKE FOR YOU TO SERVE THE LORD WITH JOY?

HOW CAN YOU HAVE JOY EVEN WHEN SERVING THE LORD COSTS YOU SOMETHING?

HOW CAN GOD USE YOU TO RESTORE PEOPLE TO HIM?

DAY 04

## 2 CHRON. 24:15-22

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR PARENTS' FAITH CANNOT SUSTAIN YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE?

HOW CAN YOU OWN YOUR FAITH FOR YOURSELF?

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO REMAIN COMMITTED TO GOD IN EVERY SEASON?

When Joash's spiritual father and mentor died, he turned away from the Lord. He was influenced by others to abandon the temple and stop worshiping the Lord. A good start in life does not guarantee a good finish. You must strive to follow Jesus in every season. When you go to college, find a career, or move away from home, each transition will be an opportunity to either serve the Lord more or turn to a different path. Your faith must be your own. Strive to grow your faith in every season.

DAY 05

## 2 CHRON. 24:23-27

For better or for worse, we reap what we sow. That's an agricultural phrase that simply means if you plant an oak tree, an oak tree will grow, and if you plant a rose bush, a rose bush will grow. Joash led the nation to spiritual ruin and betrayed a righteous prophet. His destructive leadership brought destruction upon himself. Be wise about the kind of habits you are sowing, because at some point, you will reap. We want to reap the fruit of the Spirit, blessings, and goodness. So, plant the seeds of righteousness, love, and faithfulness in your life today.

HOW HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED THE PRINCIPLE "YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW"?

WHAT UNHEALTHY HABITS MIGHT YOU BE SOWING RIGHT NOW?

WHAT CAN YOU BEGIN TO SOW NOW THAT YOU HOPE TO REAP IN THE FUTURE?