Consider II Chronicles 30:13-20

In the previous lesson, we noted that King Hezekiah had to intercede for the people during their Passover because they had not sanctified themselves. His prayer worked, and the rest of the event was extremely impactful. It was so impactful that the people collaborated in the cleansing of the region.

Consider II Chronicles 31:1

Their worship experience had accomplished what oppression could not. It led to a corporate repentance. Likewise, a meaningful worship experience will cause people to leave a good service, go home and make some long-lasting changes. Their hearts were changed, and they went home and changed their communities. Which is why we must be sure to focus on the quality of our worship experience. It must not be geared only for the Saints, but for the unsaved and curious souls too.

Exceptions and Rules

We should also note that King Hezekiah was not satisfied with a good Passover. He wanted to reestablish proper worship to the best of their abilities. In order to do that, he needed to establish, or reestablish, the correct protocols and procedures.

Consider II Chronicles 31:2

**Life Lesson** #81 - We should be careful not to allow Spiritual exceptions to become rules. Exceptions are meant to be temporary. Although they are necessary from time to time, they must be considered temporary and not permanent. When exceptions are allowed to persist, it is possible that we miss the original intentions or plans of God for our lives or circumstances.

Hezekiah knew that God wanted order, and he followed the Biblical blueprints of Moses, David and Solomon. When we are careful to follow God’s Guidelines, we can expect Godly results will follow.

Order, Order, Order.

King Hezekiah realized that God prefers order!

The best leaders appreciate this fact about God. We know that God has a way in which He prefers things to be done. An orderly way! An organized way! A methodical way! A disciplined way!

Yes, He shifts, but He always tends toward well-ordered plans.

Consider I Corinthians 14:40

The impact of great worship, combined with King Hezekiah’s commitment to order, resulted in a Spirit of obedient generosity. This involved reestablishing the roles and responsibilities of the Leaders. It also involved reestablishing the responsibilities of support for the House of the Lord and its workforce.

Consider II Chronicles 31:3-11

Clearly, prior to King Hezekiah’s leadership, the people had gotten out of the habit of regularly giving their tithes and offerings. This resulted in the Levites having to abandon their assignments for the sake of survival.

Fortunately, the people were eager to resume giving. And their giving created a surplus.

The “heaps” were not the result of a waste, but of an accumulation of giving. It was a reflection of God’s plan. And it allowed the people to store up for the future.

**Life Lesson** #82 - Giving to the work of the Lord has always been God’s financial plan for ministry. When the people give properly, there should be a surplus.

If whole congregations were faithful and consistent, the local churches would all operate from a surplus. Let’s rephrase that statement: When whole congregations are faithful and consistent, the local church will have a surplus.

Another point of interest is how King Hezekiah managed the excess. He assigned leaders to oversee the overage.

**Life Lesson** #83 - Vision creates Provision, which requires Supervision!

Consider II Chronicles 31:11-20

King Hezekiah did, again, what he knew to do where generosity was concerned. He created layers of responsibility to manage the resources that had been submitted.

This is a perfect example of how equal giving supports the work of the Lord. Tithing is all about equal sacrifice because it is proportional. Today churches are suffering because fewer members are supporting the work of the Lord as they have in the past. But we can see, when the hearts of the people turned toward God and His Work, The Work was able to continue.

This one Festival became the new normal. Juxtaposed to a fleeting event.

Homework: Encourage and/or command modern believers to give in abundance, so that we too can create a surplus at our church,

Homework II Chronicles 32-36