

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
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2 Kings 12

1. How long, according to verse 2, did Joash do what was right in the eyes of the Lord?

2. Who is instructing you?
 - a. I don't need instruction, I pray and read the Bible.
 - b. I listen very carefully to my pastor/s because I know how easily I can go astray without accountability.
 - c. I have a strong, godly mentor/discipler who helps me grow.
 - d. I have a community of faith that speaks into my life and I am open to godly instruction from a variety of people within that group.

3. What does Joash instruct them to do with the offerings that are given? _____

4. How well were Joash's instructions carried out?
 - a. After 23 years, the temple still hadn't been repaired.
 - b. Not very well.
 - c. Apparently priests are not always good at building repairs.

5. How did Joash respond?
 - a. He gave the priests a talking to and continued the same plan.
 - b. He told the priests to hand over the money that the people had brought and take no more from the treasurers.
 - c. He had them build offering boxes that were locked and could not be accessed.

6. How should we interpret this in our day in age?
 - a. This doesn't really apply.
 - b. It is probably wise to have accountability (more than every 23 years) for how church offerings are spent.
 - c. Although most pastors have great integrity, it is good to have someone designated (other than a pastor) to oversee the money of the church.
 - d. It seems like a good idea to have more than one person count the money, like in verse 10.
 - e. As the scripture says in more than one place, don't muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain. There was still some that went to the priests, and we should still make sure our pastors are cared for today.

7. How should we respond if we believe that offerings are not being used appropriately?

