

The Quandary of Ministry and the Church Today - Part 1
2 Kings 22-23; 2 Chronicles 34-35

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- The Quandary of Biblical Illiteracy (Deut 6:4-9; Josh 1:8; Psm 1; 119:97; 2 Tim 2:15; 3:16-17; Col 3:16)
- All followers of Christ (not just pastors) are to read and know the Scriptures in order to be equipped to serve God and others.

 - A model of Biblical reformation - King Josiah (2 Kings 22-23; 2 Chron 34-35)
 - He got rid of the idols of the land - repentance (34:3-7)
 - He restored the temple - worship (22:3-7; 34:8-13)
 - He reestablished the priority of the Scriptures - God's Word (22:8-20; 34:14-28)

 - Which led to:
 - recommitting to the covenant (23:1-3; 34:29-33)
 - reformation of the nation (23:4-20; 34:33)
 - obedience of the people (23:21-23; 35:1-19)

What about me?

Do the idols of my life distract me from engaging with God's Word? What steps will I take this week to remedy that?

Do I replace my need of God with overconfidence that I can get by without worshipping Him? How can I begin to change that?

Do I need a revival of the Word of God in my life? Will I repent of my misplaced priorities to pursue God's truth?

Am I so busy that I use it as an excuse to fail to follow and obey the Lord each day? What needs to go?