

Joash Stored the Oil

1Chron. 27:25-34

Chosen For The Work

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- 1Cor. 12:5-11

Lessons Learned From The King:

- Each person has a place of special service
 - Eph. 4:16
- Each person was called by name
 - Isa. 49:16; Matt. 10:29-32
- Each person served in different capacities
 - John 3:25-27
- Each person was placed where the king wanted them
 - Eph. 4:10-13
- Each person was chosen based on what he could do, not on who he was in the past

Chosen For The Work

- Shimei the Ramathite was over the vineyards - of Ramath Gilead, a border nation subject to Israel
- Zabdi the Shiphmite was over the produce of the vineyards for the supply of wine - of Shepham, a border city subject to Israel
- Baal-Hanan the Gederite was over the olive trees and the sycamore trees that were in the lowlands - from Geder, probably born a pagan
- Shitrai the Sharonite was over the herds that fed in Sharon - a Canaanite native

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- Obil the Ishmaelite was over the camels - Arabic descendent of Ismael
- Jehdeiah the Meronothite was over the donkeys - from Meronoth of Gibeon, a descendent of those who deceived Joshua
- Jaziz the Hagrite was over the flocks - an Arabic descendent of Ishmael
- Jehonathan, David's uncle, was a counselor, a wise man, and a scribe - began as a rural farmer with no royal or even urban experience

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- Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was with the king's sons - probably a Gentile proselyte
- Hushai the Archite was the king's companion - from south of Ephraim, of the tribe that was the most immoral and the first to turn to paganism. Hushai was honorable and loyal
- Ahithophel was the king's counselor - the one truly Jewish person with a long pedigree and an honorable name (brother of God); ended up betraying David by deserting to Absalom's side

Lessons Learned From Joash, The Oil Man

- He served his king in a storage cave, probably like a cellar
- He served his king in solitude, away from the glory of the court
- He served his king in a place out of sight with little potential for notice

Joash's Job Description

- Keep the oil
- Oil was used in the practice of the Jewish faith
 - In the “meat offering” - Lev. 2:1
 - In the “trespass offering” - Lev. 7
 - In the ceremonial cleansing of a leper - Lev. 14
 - In the anointing ritual for the priesthood - Ex. 29

Joash's Job Description

- Keep the oil
- Oil was used to anoint kings - 1Sam. 16:13
- Oil was used as fuel for the menorah - Ex. 27:20; and in the homes of ordinary people
- Oil was a major commercial commodity - 1Kings 5:11; 2Kings 4
- Oil was used as medicine - Luke 10:34; James 5:14
- Oil was used for cooking - 1Kings 17
- Oil was used as a base for cosmetics - Matt. 26:7

Joash's Job Description

- Remain at his post
 - 1Cor. 4:2 - “Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.”

Joash's Job Description

- Account for all the oil
 - 1Tim. 1:11 - “according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust.”
 - 1Tim. 6:20 - “O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust”
 - 1Cor. 16:13 - “Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.”

Joash's Job Difficulties

- His work was unnoticed; in all likelihood, he worked in a large cellar or cave apart from others
- He did it for his king, not for the glory
 - Matt. 6:1-6
 - Matt. 25:21 - “His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord’”

Joash's Job Difficulties

- Our reward is coming
 - Gal. 6:9 - “And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.”
 - Rev. 22:12 - “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.”

Joash's Job Difficulties

- His work was uncomfortable. How pleasant can it be working in a cellar?
- Not every task we must do in the kingdom is pleasant
 - Matt. 16:24 - “Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.”

Joash's Job Difficulties

- His work was lonely. I wonder how often he saw others in the oil cellar.
- Paul's desire to depart this world
 - Phil. 1:12-24
 - Grow where you are planted.

Joash's Job Demands

- Stay in your place until the king calls
 - Luke 21:34-36
- Don't relax your vigil for any reason
 - Neh. 6:1-4
- Obey the king
 - 1Sam. 15:22; John 14:15

Joash's Job Developments

- He was humble
 - Psalm 84:10 - “For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.”
- He was helpful
 - Ex. 17:12 - “But Moses' hands became heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.”
- He was hopeful
 - Prov. 8:34 - “Blessed is the man who listens to me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at the posts of my doors.”