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OLD SCHOOL, MILLENNIALS AND GEN Zs

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Don't set the affections of your heart on this world or in loving the things of the world. The love of the Father and the love of the world are incompatible. For all that the world can offer us—the gratification of our flesh, the allurements of the things of

the world, and the obsession with status and importance—none of these things come from the Father but from the world. This world and its desires are in the process of passing away, but those who love to do the will of God live forever.” 1 John 2:15-17
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LIFE OF THE WORLD

I belong to the Old Schools and when my group sees the lifestyle of the millennials and Gen Zs, our hearts sink but then my mind flips back. Our old schools were once the 'Gen Zs and millennials' some years back. We talked about enjoying life and our definition of life then was “gratification of our fleshly desires, lust of our eyes, obsession with status and importance.” which we see now and we sigh remembering the hurts it gave us. We struggled for these things, forgetting death at least for that time and pitying the older generation for not enjoying life. In pursuing these passions, we were deeply hurt, some died and a few had it good by 'luck' and grace of God. We all saw frustrations

and disappointments but thanks to some fundamental truths of life that we were forced to learn at home and in school and we did not have a pandemic of mental health issues, we hardly even heard of the vocabulary. Then we grew to become old school and found that the world and its desires or life is in the process of passing away. Generations go and generations come but there is another life that remains unchanged. It is eternal life in Jesus Christ Never mind that some in the old school are still pursuing the world way of life.

ETERNAL LIFE

Eternal life means to know and experience you as the only true God, and to know and experience Jesus Christ, as the Son whom you have sent.” John 17:3

Each generation has its own reasons for pushing God aside but that has not changed Him. With my generation, we called God and Jesus joy killers. They would not allow us to enjoy life, we would not be able to feed our lusts and corrupt practices. To this generation, the increase in knowledge, especially science, makes God appear irrelevant. Friends, my dear sons and daughters of younger generations, science too is passing away. May be hard to believe but it is the reality.

Jesus is eternal life. He is peace and joy that passes all human understanding. He is life that gives rest to your soul. Jesus reassures you of life after death. He is your wisdom. He is the shepherd of your soul. He makes your soul reject anything that will kill your joy and peace.

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CHOICE Have Consequences in the Relationships we keep



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It's essential to emphasize that the choices we make, particularly regarding our relationships, wield tremendous power over our life's journey. In the biblical account of King Jehoshaphat, we are presented with a striking example of how associations can profoundly impact one's life and legacy.

THE STORY OF KING JEHOSHAPHAT:

King Jehoshaphat, the ruler of Judah, is often remembered as a good king who "did what was right in the eyes of the LORD" (2 Chronicles 20:32). He sought to reform his nation, turning the people back to God, and was repeatedly blessed with prosperity and victories. Yet, despite his commitment to God, Jehoshaphat had a significant flaw: his tendency to form alliances with ungodly leaders.

In 2 Chronicles 18, we read that Jehoshaphat allied himself with King Ahab of Israel through marriage. Ahab, known for his wickedness and idolatry, led Israel into sin alongside his notorious queen, Jezebel. This alliance had severe consequences. Jehoshaphat joined Ahab in a battle against Ramoth Gilead, nearly losing his life in the process. Though rescued by God's intervention, the consequences of this alliance reverberated through his reign.

THE IMPACT OF ASSOCIATIONS:

Jehoshaphat's story illustrates a powerful truth that the people we choose to align ourselves with can either uplift us or lead us astray. The Bible stresses the importance of wisdom in our relationships. "Do not be misled: 'Bad company corrupts good character'"

(1 Corinthians 15:33). Jehoshaphat's alliance with Ahab serves as a sobering reminder of this principle.

The actions and attitudes of those around us influence us deeply. Associating with individuals who prioritize godliness, integrity, and wisdom can propel us toward greater spiritual growth and fulfillment. Conversely, surrounding ourselves with those who indulge in ungodliness, deceit, or negativity can pull us away from our divine purpose and bring unnecessary turmoil into our lives.

RECIPROCAL INFLUENCE:

It is also crucial to recognize that our actions and attitudes influence others as well. Just as Jehoshaphat's decisions had far-reaching consequences, so do ours. As Christians, we are called to be "the light of the world" and "the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13-14). Our conduct, character, and choices should reflect Christ's love and truth, guiding others towards a deeper relationship with Him.

Jehoshaphat's commitment to God, despite his flawed alliances, did set a positive spiritual tone for his nation. He led reforms, encouraged the teaching of God's Word, and sought divine guidance in times of crisis. These actions had a lasting impact on Judah, demonstrating how our dedication to God can inspire and uplift those around us, even in the face of our imperfections.

CHOOSING WISELY:

The story of Jehoshaphat urges us to choose our relationships wisely. We must seek out mentors, friends, and partners who share our commitment to God and encourage us to walk in His ways. This doesn't imply shunning those who are different or avoiding outreach to those in need of God's love. Rather, it means being discerning about who we allow to deeply influence our lives and ensuring that our closest relationships are spiritually edifying.

As we reflect on our relationships and the company we keep, let us remember the enduring truth: choices have consequences. By choosing wisely and aligning ourselves with godly influences, we can navigate life's challenges with greater wisdom and grace, ultimately fulfilling our God-given purpose and positively impacting others for His glory.

In conclusion, the story of King Jehoshaphat in 2 Chronicles is a timeless reminder of the significant impact our choices, particularly our associations, have on our lives. As we strive to surround ourselves with those who uplift and encourage us in our walk with Christ, we, in turn, become vessels of His love and truth, fostering a ripple effect that extends far beyond our immediate circles.

PRAYER AND REFLECTION:

Let us pray for discernment in our relationships and ask God to guide us in making choices that honor Him. May we be mindful of the impact others have on us and the influence we have on them, striving always to reflect Christ in all our interactions.

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CREATE A NEW HABIT: Listen to the whole bible in 120 days. Follow the table below.

120 Day Bible Reading Plan

Day	Scripture	Day	Scripture	Day	Scripture	Day	Scripture
1	Matthew 1 - 9	31	Genesis 1 - 9	61	1 Samuel 1 - 11	91	Psalms 88 - 119
2	Matthew 10 - 15	32	Genesis 10 - 19	62	1 Samuel 12 - 21	92	Psalms 120 - 150
3	Matthew 16 - 22	33	Genesis 20 - 26	63	1 Samuel 22 - 31	93	Proverbs 1 - 14
4	Matthew 23 - 28	34	Genesis 27 - 34	64	2 Samuel 1 - 11	94	Proverbs 15 - 26
5	Mark 1 - 8	35	Genesis 35 - 42	65	2 Samuel 12 - 18	95	Proverbs 27 - 31
6	Mark 9 - 16	36	Genesis 43 - 50	66	2 Samuel 19 - 24	96	Eccles. - Song of Sol.
7	Luke 1 - 6	37	Exodus 1 - 7	67	1 Kings 1 - 7	97	Isaiah 1 - 13
8	Luke 7 - 11	38	Exodus 8 - 15	68	1 Kings 8 - 13	98	Isaiah 14 - 27
9	Luke 12 - 18	39	Exodus 16 - 24	69	1 Kings 14 - 22	99	Isaiah 28 - 39
10	Luke 19 - 24	40	Exodus 25 - 32	70	2 Kings 1 - 7	100	Isaiah 40 - 49
11	John 1 - 7	41	Exodus 33 - 40	71	2 Kings 8 - 15	101	Isaiah 50 - 66
12	John 8 - 13	42	Leviticus 1 - 6	72	2 Kings 16 - 25	102	Jeremiah 1 - 8
13	John 14 - 21	43	Leviticus 7 - 13	73	1 Chronicles 1 - 9	103	Jeremiah 9 - 18
14	Acts 1 - 7	44	Leviticus 14 - 21	74	1 Chronicles 10 - 18	104	Jeremiah 19 - 27
15	Acts 8 - 14	45	Leviticus 22 - 27	75	1 Chronicles 19 - 29	105	Jeremiah 28 - 36
16	Acts 15 - 21	46	Numbers 1 - 6	76	2 Chronicles 1 - 9	106	Jeremiah 37 - 46
17	Acts 22 - 28	47	Numbers 7 - 13	77	2 Chronicles 10 - 21	107	Jeremiah 47 - 52
18	Romans 1 - 8	48	Numbers 14 - 20	78	2 Chronicles 22 - 29	108	Lamen. - Ezekiel 4
19	Romans 9 - 16	49	Numbers 21 - 28	79	2 Chronicles 30 - 36	109	Ezekiel 5 - 15
20	1 Corinthians 1 - 9	50	Numbers 29 - 36	80	Ezra	110	Ezekiel 16 - 23
21	1 Corinthians 10 - 16	51	Deuteronomy 1 - 7	81	Nehemiah 1 - 8	111	Ezekiel 24 - 33
22	2 Corinthians	52	Deuteronomy 8 - 16	82	Nehemiah 9 - 13	112	Ezekiel 34 - 41
23	Galatians - Ephesians	53	Deuteronomy 17 - 27	83	Esther	113	Ezekiel 42 - 48
24	Philippians - 2 Thess.	54	Deuteronomy 28 - 34	84	Job 1 - 15	114	Daniel 1 - 6
25	1 Timothy - Philemon	55	Joshua 1 - 8	85	Job 16 - 31	115	Daniel 7 - 12
26	Hebrews	56	Joshua 9 - 16	86	Job 32 - 42	116	Hosea
27	James - 2 Peter	57	Joshua 17 - 24	87	Psalms 1 - 24	117	Joel - Amos
28	1 John - Jude	58	Judges 1 - 9	88	Psalms 25 - 41	118	Obadiah - Micah
29	Revelation 1 - 11	59	Judges 10 - 18	89	Psalms 42 - 65	119	Nahum - Haggai
30	Revelation 12 - 22	60	Judges 19 - Ruth	90	Psalms 66 - 87	120	Zechariah - Malachi

Ezra 7:10 AMP

For Ezra had set his heart (resolved) to study and interpret the Law of the Lord, and to practice it and teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel. Ezra 7:10 AMP

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**Little quotes to charge your thought:
Check out John 6:27**

