Reversing an ungodly legacy

2 Kings 18:1-12; 2 Chronicles 29 – Hezekiah part 1 (p. 307, 365)

I. <u>BEING A GODLY MAN</u>: HEZEKIAH DETERMINED TO FOLLOW THE LORD LIKE DAVID, AND NOT BE LIKE HIS UNGODLY DAD (2 KINGS 18:1-12).

- A. Hezekiah destroyed places of false worship (18:1-4).
- His dad worshipped at these high places (16:4). <u>Application</u>: We must be willing to remove sources of temptations that cause us or others to sin.
- B. Hezekiah trusted God and obeyed God (18:5-8).
 - His dad trusted political allies, money and idols (16:7-13).
- C. Hezekiah observed Israel's defeat and deportation (18:9-12). <u>Application</u>: We must learn from the spiritual failures of others.

II. <u>INFLUENCING OTHERS SPIRITUALLY</u>: HEZEKIAH GATHERED THE LEVITES TO RESTORE GODLY WORSHIP AT THE TEMPLE (2 CHRONICLES 29).

- A. Hezekiah repaired and opened the temple after his father had damaged and closed it (29:1-3)
- B. Hezekiah gathered the Levites to recognize their father's sins and cleanse the temple of impurities (29:4-19).

 Application: We must be willing spiritually to take out the trash.
- C. Worship at the temple restarted with sacrifices for sin, singing God's praises and giving sacrificial offerings (29:20-36)

Application: We must commit to worship God with others.