

Series: Help for Life's Challenges – Part 5  
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### HELP FOR DEALING WITH SPIRITUAL EMPTINESS

Five stages to Josiah's spiritual awakening...

1. \_\_\_\_\_ your past spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.  
2 Chron. 33:21-34:2 Amon was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem two years. [22] He did evil in the eyes of the Lord, as his father Manasseh had done. ... **He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and walked in the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left.**

You can do two things with your past. You can either \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

Philip. 3:13 (LB) No, dear brothers, I am still not all I should be, but I am bringing all my energies to bear on this one thing: **Forgetting the past** and looking forward to what lies ahead.

2 Cor. 5:17 Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. **The past is forgotten**, and everything is new.

Isaiah 43:18, Job 8:7

2. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Chron. 34:3a In the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, **he began to seek the God of his father David.**

Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you.  
Deut. 4:29, Prov. 8:17, Jeremiah 29:13, Hebrews 11:6

3. \_\_\_\_\_ any \_\_\_\_\_ to your path to God.  
2 Chron. 34:3b-7 In his twelfth year **he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of high places, Asherah poles, carved idols and cast images.** [4] Under his direction the altars of the Baals were torn down; he cut to pieces the incense altars that were above them, and smashed the Asherah poles, the idols and the images.

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles...

With repentance comes \_\_\_\_\_.  
Acts 3:19

4. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.  
2 Chron. 34:14-19 While they were bringing out the money that had been taken into the temple of the Lord, Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law of the Lord... And Shaphan read from it in the presence of the king. **When the king heard the words of the Law, he tore his robes.**

Jeremiah 23:28-29, Romans 1:16, 1 Thess. 2:13

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active.

John 6:68 "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life!"

5. \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ to follow the Lord!  
2 Chron. 34:29-32 The king stood by his pillar and **renewed the covenant in the presence of the Lord--to follow the Lord and keep his commands**. **Then he had everyone in Jerusalem and Benjamin pledge themselves to it**; the people of Jerusalem did this in accordance with the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.

Rev. 3:15-16 I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are **lukewarm--neither hot nor cold--I am about to spit you out of my mouth.**

### HOW DO I COMMIT MYSELF TO THE LORD?

First, establish the right \_\_\_\_\_!

Acts 20:21 I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in **repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.**

Second, establish the right \_\_\_\_\_!