**TAKE THE TRASH OUT OF THE CHURCH HOUSE**

**II Chronicles 29:15-20**

[**15**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Chronicles-29-15/) **And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, by the words of the LORD, to cleanse the house of the LORD.**

[**16**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Chronicles-29-16/) **And the priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD, to cleanse *it*, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took *it*, to carry *it* out abroad into the brook Kidron.**

[**17**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Chronicles-29-17/) **Now they began on the first *day* of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the LORD: so they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end.**

[**18**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Chronicles-29-18/) **Then they went in to Hezekiah the king, and said, We have cleansed all the house of the LORD, and the altar of burnt offering, with all the vessels thereof, and the shewbread table, with all the vessels thereof.**

[**19**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Chronicles-29-19/) **Moreover all the vessels, which king Ahaz in his reign did cast away in his transgression, have we prepared and sanctified, and, behold, they *are* before the altar of the LORD.**

[**20**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Chronicles-29-20/) **Then Hezekiah the king rose early, and gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house of the LORD.**

**INTRO:**

**\*\*There are so many churches across America and the world that are filled with the slop, the stinches, the sickness, and the stains of trashy sin! The trash needs to be taken out of the church house!**

**\*\*People are not trash; sin is trash. If you live in trash and sin, you’ll become trashy and sinful. If you bring your trash into the church as a member of the church, you will make the church smell like trash!**

**\*\*Where I come from . . .**

 **1. Trash is not something you Advertise**

 **a. Sinful Trash is being Displayed**

 **b. Sinful Trash is being Declared**

 **2. Trash is not something you Accumulate**

 **a. When trash accumulates, it’s Unsanitary!**

 **b. When trash accumulates, it’s Unhealthy!**

 **3. Trash is not something you Absorb**

**Too many are eating out of the world’s garbage can and it causes Sickness and Suffering!**

**\*\*In our text, Hezekiah was made to be king at the age of 25, and the first year and the first month in his first 30 days in office of his 29 year reign, he said, “We’re taking the trash out of the church house!”**

**\*\*So let’s look at this and apply it to our lives and to our church!**

**\*\*Let’s TAKE THE TRASH OUT OF THE CHURCH HOUSE like Hezekiah did!**

**I. THERE HAD TO BE A CHANGE**

**\*\*Hezekiah knew he had to . . .**

 **A. Change the Doors that kept out the Lord**

**II Chronicles 29:7 Also they have shut up the doors of the porch . . .**

**II Chronicles 29:3 He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of the LORD, and repaired them.**

**\*\*The doors kept the trash in and kept the Lord out!**

**\*\*Have you looked at the doors on your Temple lately?**

**\*\*What will keep the trash in and the Lord out of your temple and your life?**

 **1. Doors that are Stubborn**

**\*\*So many have nailed shut the doors of their heart while knowing they need to get the trash out and let the Lord in!**

 **2. Doors that are Shut**

**\*\*Somebody needs to open their hearts doors and prop them open so the Lord can come in and haul out the trash!**

 **3. Doors that are Shot**

**\*\*The doors on the temple were shot and had to be repaired and so does your heart’s door!**

 **a. The doors were hiding Nastiness**

 **b. The doors were hiding Neglectfulness**

 **c. The doors were hiding Naughtiness**

**\*\*Hezekiah had to change something about those doors, and something has to change about your heart’s door!**

 **B. Change the Damage that kept out the Light**

**II Chronicles 29:7 Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy *place* unto the God of Israel.**

 **1. Lambs were not being Lit.**

**\*\*That means there were unforgiven sins and unforgiven sinners.**

 **2. Lamps were not being Lit.**

**\*\*Our lights cannot shine when sin has put out the light in our lamps that are dirty and damaged. We need the light in order to see the trash that needs to be taken out!**

**\*\*Hezekiah had to change some things about the Doors and the Damage in order to begin getting the trash out of the church house!**

**\*\*You are going to have to do the same and realize there’s some doors and damages that you need to get repaired in order for God to get the trash out of your life.**

**II. THERE HAD TO BE A COMMAND**

**II Chronicles 29:4-5** [**4**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Chronicles-29-4/) **And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the east street,**

[**5**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Chronicles-29-5/) **And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the LORD God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy *place*.**

 **A. The Command was to Clean Up your SELF**

**\*\*Before the Church can be clean, you have to have . . .**

 **1. Your Own Hands Clean**

 **2. Your Own Hearts Clean**

**\*\*How can we expect God’s house to be clean if our own hands and hearts are still soaking in sin?**

 **B. The Command was to Clean Up your SANCTUARY**

**Matthew 23:27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead *men's* bones, and of all uncleanness.**

**\*\*If sinful church members are in . . .**

 **1. The Pews, then the Sanctuary will be Soiled.**

 **2. The Positions, then the Sanctuary will be Slimy.**

 **3. The Public, then the Sanctuary will be Smelly.**

**\*\*Hezekiah had to give a clear command for what had to be done in order to take the trash out of the church house.**

**\*\*God gives clear commands to get the trash out of the church house!**

**III. THERE HAD TO BE A COVENANT**

**II Chronicles 29:10** [**10**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Chronicles-29-10/) **Now *it is* in mine heart to make a covenant with the LORD God of Israel, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us.**

**\*\*Hezekiah made a strong promise to God that he would make sure that the temple got cleaned out and cleaned up!**

**\*\*If you are saved by the grace of God, then you are the Temple of God.**

**\*\*Like Hezekiah, you need to make a strong promise to God to make sure that your temple gets cleaned out and cleaned up!**

 **A. He Promised God to Make the Church Pure**

 **1. He was determined to get rid of whatever made God’s house Filthy!**

 **2. He was determined to get rid of whatever made God’s house Foul!**

**\*\*God’s house cannot stay clean if the members of the house stay filthy and foul!**

 **B. He Promised God to Make the Church Powerful**

**\*\*God’s power only works in a church that is . . .**

 **1. Uncontaminated by Sin**

 **2. Uninfected by Sin**

 **3. Unspotted by Sin**

**\*\*Hezekiah made a covenant to take the trash out of the church house.**

**\*\*Oh how we need more people who will make a covenant to be janitor’s of their own hearts and homes and take the trash out so the church does not become filthy!**

**IV. THERE HAD TO BE A CLEANSING**

 **A. The Church had to be Purged**

**II Chronicles 29:16 And the priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD, to cleanse *it*, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took *it*, to carry *it* out abroad into the brook Kidron.**

 **1. Filthiness was Exposed**

 **2. Filthiness was Evacuated**

 **3. Filthiness was Eliminated**

**\*\*Purging means you get rid of the garbage, the germs, the gross, the grungy, and the grimy things out of your temple!**

 **B. The Church had to be Purified**

**II Chronicles 29:17 Now they began on the first *day* of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the LORD: so they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end.**

**\*\*Just because the garbage had been taken out did not mean that the job was complete.**

**\*\*Purifying includes Scrapping, Scrubbing, Shampooing, Sanitizing, and Sterilizing, and the all in one solution for that is the Blood of Jesus!**

**CLOSE**

**1. God wants us to stop ignoring the trash that has been stockpiled and stored in our lives. It’s time to haul off all of the sinful trash!**

**2. God wants us to stop making excuses for the trash that is in our lives. It’s time to haul off all of the sinful trash!**

**3. Where is the trash stashed in your life? Did you check the fridge? Did you check the bedroom? Did you check to see if it’s on your television? Did you check to see if it’s on your computer or your phone? It may be over at your work place or friend’s house or with a family member, but you know it’s still your trash!**

**4. If you are a church member with sinful trash in your life, then that also means it’s in this church, and that stinks. So come to the Lord and take out the trash and let Him clean you up!**

**\*\*LET’S TAKE THE TRASH OUT OF THE CHURCH HOUSE!**