

Like Father, (Not) Like Son

You and your parents: In what ways are you similar? Different?

Your parents and their parents: In what ways are they similar? Different?

Read 2 Chronicles 33:1-34:33.

1. What was King Manasseh's worst evil?
 - A. He rebuilt pagan shrines his father Hezekiah had destroyed.
 - B. He built altars to Baal—the Canaanite god of agriculture and fertility.
 - C. He constructed Asherah poles—the Canaanite female fertility god.
 - D. He worshiped the stars in the heavens.
 - E. He murdered many innocent people.
 - F. He practiced sorcery and witchcraft and consulted with spirit mediums.
 - G. He led the people of Judah into sin.
 - H. He built pagan altars in the temple of Yahweh.
 - I. Other.

2. Why didn't God severely punish Manasseh and the people of Judah?
 - A. What they did really wasn't that bad.
 - B. God simply couldn't punish them.
 - C. God's mercy is amazing.
 - D. What they did was no worse than what others had done.
 - E. God knew Manasseh would repent.
 - F. It wasn't time.
 - G. God did severely punish them.
 - H. Other.

3. Why did God restore Manasseh to be king of Judah again?
 - A. The king of Assyria needed someone to govern Judah.
 - B. Manasseh repented.
 - C. To cleanse the sanctuary in Jerusalem.
 - D. To prepare his son to follow God.
 - E. The trip to Babylon with a ring through his nose humbled him.
 - F. So he would lead the people of Judah to also return to God.
 - G. In order for him to eventually be buried in his home country.
 - H. There wasn't anybody better to be found.
 - I. Other.

4. How would you summarize King Amon's reign?
 - A. Short.
 - B. Sweet.
 - C. Evil.
 - D. Like father, like son.
 - E. Deadly.
 - F. Turn around.
 - G. Pagan, like the Egyptian god Amun.
 - H. Insurrection.
 - I. Other.

5. What was Josiah's greatest good?
 - A. Seeking the God of David early in his life.
 - B. Purifying Jerusalem and Judah.
 - C. Destroying the pagan shrines, altars, and images.
 - D. Cleansing the temple in Jerusalem.
 - E. Leading all Judah to renew God's covenant.
 - F. Desecrating the pagan burial grounds.
 - G. Discovering the "Book of the Law" in the sanctuary.
 - H. Choosing the opposite path of his father.
 - I. Other.

6. What caused the renewal of the covenant between God and His people?
 - A. God.
 - B. The people.
 - C. The Holy Spirit moving on the hearts of the people.
 - D. Josiah's leadership.
 - E. The cleansing of the sanctuary.
 - F. Finding the "Scroll of the Law."
 - G. Repentance.
 - H. Leaders who lead by example.
 - I. Other.

7. True or False: "The apple doesn't fall far from the tree."

8. What do you need to deconstruct in your life?

9. What do you need to construct in your life?