

# Joash Stored the Oil

1Chron. 27:25-34

# Chosen For The Work

- 1Chron. 27:27-34 - “And Shimei the Ramathite was over the vineyards, and Zabdi the Shiphmite was over the produce of the vineyards for the supply of wine. 28 Baal-Hanan the Gederite was over the olive trees and the sycamore trees that were in the lowlands, and Joash was over the store of oil. 29 And Shitrai the Sharonite was over the herds that fed in Sharon, and Shaphat the son of Adlai was over the herds that were in the valleys. 30 Obil the Ishmaelite was over the camels, Jehdeiah the Meronothite was over the donkeys, 31 and Jaziz the Hagrite was over the flocks. All these were the officials over King David's property. 32 Also Jehonathan, David's uncle, was a counselor, a wise man, and a scribe; and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was with the king's sons. 33 Ahithophel was the king's counselor, and Hushai the Archite was the king's companion. 34 After Ahithophel was Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, then Abiathar. And the general of the king's army was Joab.”

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- 1Cor. 12:5-11 - “There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: 8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.”

# Lessons Learned From The King:

- Each person has a place of special service
  - Eph. 4:16 - “From whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”

# Lessons Learned From The King:

- Each person was called by name
  - Isa. 49:16 - “See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands...”
  - Matt. 10:29-32 - “Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. 32 Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.”

# Lessons Learned From The King:

- Each person served in different capacities
  - John 3:25-27 - “Then there arose a dispute between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purification. 26 And they came to John and said to him, ‘Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified--behold, He is baptizing, and all are coming to Him!’ 27 John answered and said, ‘A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven.’”



# Lessons Learned From The King:

- Each person was placed where the king wanted them
  - Eph. 4:11-13 - “And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ”
- Each person was chosen based on what he could do, not on who he was in the past

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- Shimei the Ramathite was over the vineyards - of Ramath Gilead, a border nation subject to Israel
- Zabdi the Shiphmite was over the produce of the vineyards for the supply of wine - of Shepham, a border city subject to Israel
- Baal-Hanan the Gederite was over the olive trees and the sycamore trees that were in the lowlands - from Geder, probably born a pagan
- Shitrai the Sharonite was over the herds that fed in Sharon - a Canaanite native



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- Obil the Ishmaelite was over the camels - Arabic descendent of Ismael
- Jehdeiah the Meronothite was over the donkeys - from Meronoth of Gibeon, a descendent of those who deceived Joshua
- Jaziz the Hagrite was over the flocks - an Arabic descendent of Ishmael
- Jehonathan, David's uncle, was a counselor, a wise man, and a scribe - began as a rural farmer with no royal or even urban experience

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- Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was with the king's sons - probably a Gentile proselyte
- Hushai the Archite was the king's companion - from south of Ephraim, of the tribe that was the most immoral and the first to turn to paganism. Hushai was honorable and loyal
- Ahithophel was the king's counselor - the one truly Jewish person with a long pedigree and an honorable name (brother of God); ended up betraying David by deserting to Absalom's side

# Lessons Learned From Joash, The Oil Man

- He served his king in a storage cave, probably like a cellar
- He served his king in solitude, away from the glory of the court
- He served his king in a place out of sight with little potential for notice

# Joash's Job Description

- Keep the oil
- Oil was used in the practice of the Jewish faith
  - In the “meat offering” - Lev. 2:1
  - In the “trespass offering” - Lev. 7
  - In the ceremonial cleansing of a leper - Lev. 14
  - In the anointing ritual for the priesthood - Ex. 29

# Joash's Job Description

- Keep the oil
- Oil was used to anoint kings - 1Sam. 16:13
- Oil was used as fuel for the menorah - Ex. 27:20; and in the homes of ordinary people
- Oil was a major commercial commodity - 1Kings 5:11; 2Kings 4
- Oil was used as medicine - Luke 10:34; James 5:14
- Oil was used for cooking - 1Kings 17
- Oil was used as a base for cosmetics - Matt. 26:7



# Joash's Job Description

- Remain at his post
  - 1Cor. 4:2 - “Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.”

# Joash's Job Description

- **Account for all the oil**
  - 1Tim. 1:11 - “according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust.”
  - 1Tim. 6:20 - “O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust”
  - 1Cor. 16:13 - “Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.”

# Joash's Job Difficulties

- His work was unnoticed; in all likelihood, he worked in a large cellar or cave apart from others
- He did it for his king, not for the glory
  - Matt. 6:1-6
  - Matt. 25:21 - "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord'"

# Joash's Job Difficulties

- Our reward is coming
  - Gal. 6:9 - “And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.”
  - Rev. 22:12 - “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.”

# Joash's Job Difficulties

- His work was uncomfortable. How pleasant can it be working in a cellar?
- Not every task we must do in the kingdom is pleasant
  - Matt. 16:24 - "Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."



# Joash's Job Difficulties

- His work was lonely. I wonder how often he saw others in the oil cellar.
- Paul's desire to depart this world
  - Phil. 1:12-24
  - Grow where you are planted.

# Joash's Job Demands

- Stay in your place until the king calls
  - Luke 21:34-36 - “But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. 35 For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36 Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

# Joash's Job Demands

- Don't relax your vigil for any reason
  - Neh. 6:1-4 - "...3 So I sent messengers to them, saying, 'I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down. Why should the work cease while I leave it and go down to you?' 4 But they sent me this message four times, and I answered them in the same manner."

# Joash's Job Demands

- Obey the king
  - 1Sam. 15:22 - “Then Samuel said: ‘Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams.’”
  - John 14:15 - “If you love Me, keep My commandments.”

# Joash's Job Developments

- He was humble
  - Psalm 84:10 - "For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness."
- He was helpful
  - Ex. 17:12 - "But Moses' hands became heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun."
- He was hopeful
  - Prov. 8:34 - "Blessed is the man who listens to me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at the posts of my doors."