

# 2 Kings 12:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Moreover they reckoned not with the men, into whose hand they delivered the money to be bestowed on workmen: for they dealt faithfully.

## Analysis

**Moreover they reckoned not with the men, into whose hand they delivered the money to be bestowed on workmen: for they dealt faithfully.**

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 12: Religious reform and temple restoration. This passage occurs during the decline toward Israel's exile, demonstrating how persistent covenant unfaithfulness leads to national disaster.

The narrative demonstrates God's justice in judging covenant unfaithfulness while maintaining His ultimate purposes for redemption.

## Historical Context

**Historical Setting:** 2 Kings 12 takes place during the declining years of the northern kingdom, 8th century BCE, culminating in exile in 722 BCE. The chapter's theme (Joash Repairs the Temple) reflects the historical reality of progressive political instability and external threats, particularly from Aram (Syria) and later Assyria. Archaeological evidence from this period includes royal inscriptions, administrative documents, and material culture that corroborate the biblical account while providing additional context for understanding the political and social dynamics at work.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 12 regarding religious reform and temple restoration?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's character, particularly His justice, mercy, and faithfulness to covenant promises?
3. In what practical ways should this text shape contemporary Christian thinking about faithfulness, worship, and obedience to God?

## Interlinear Text

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לֹתֶת תְּאַשֵּׁר אֲשֶׁר יְמִשְׁבָּב אֶת הָאָנָשִׁים  
H3808 Moreover they reckoned H2803 H854 not with the men H582 H834 they delivered H5414

עֲשֵׂים: לֹתֶת תְּאַשֵּׁר אֲתָּא עַל פֶּנְסֶה  
H853 the money H3701 H5921 into whose hand H3027 H854 they delivered H5414 for they dealt H6213

עֲשֵׂים: לֹתֶת תְּאַשֵּׁר אֲתָּא בְּאֶמֶן הַכִּי בְּמִלְאָכָה  
H4399 on workmen H3588 H530 faithfully H1992 H854 for they dealt H6213

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Kings 22:7** (Faith): Howbeit there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.