

# SERMON OUTLINE

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## Lessons from Amaziah

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### I. Introduction

- A. 1 Corinthians 10:11-13 - There is a great benefit to studying the Old Testament examples – for our instruction
- B. King Amaziah of Judah, Son of Joash

### II. Facing the Battle

- A. We Must Choose – All or Nothing
  - 1. 2 Chronicles 25:2 - did right yet not with a whole heart
  - 2. Compare to our times of mediocrity: James 1:8; Joshua 24:14-15; Luke 14 - build a tower - choose!!!
  - 3. Signs You Haven't Chosen: Indecisive, Lethargic, At a standstill
- B. Build On God's Law and Direction
  - 1. 2 Chronicles 25:3-4 - Based his actions on what God said in Deuteronomy 24:16 - there is no inherited sin
  - 2. How do we deal with problems?
    - a. Our spiritual signs & symptoms that something is wrong: Guilt, Addiction, Turmoil, Emptiness
    - b. Proverbs 1:20-23 - The solution is right in front of us.
- C. Trust in God's Power
  - 1. 2 Chronicles 25:7-9 - 300k of Judah + 100k hired guns
  - 2. What about the sacrifices we make?
    - a. It is always worth it - much more to give us
    - b. Matthew 19:29 - many times as much
- D. Don't Believe Satan's Lies
  - 1. 2 Chronicles 25:14-16 - Brought in foreign gods
    - a. Why? Safety, strength, "just in case," backup plan
    - b. Satan says: You need it, What if something happens? You'll be happier, Think of yourself
  - 2. You can trust God
- E. Don't Allow Victories to Go to Your Head
  - 1. 2 Chronicles 25:17,19,20 - Let's fight; Boasting
  - 2. Why don't we listen? 2 Chronicles 25:16,20 - Pride, I don't want to change, I don't like the answer
  - 3. Pride goes before destruction - 2 Chronicles 25:27