

SERMON OUTLINE

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Lessons from King Uzziah

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I. Introduction

- A. When your life is all said and done, for what will you be known?
- B. We know only one thing will matter – will it matter to us?

II. About King Uzziah's Reign: 2 Chronicles 26:1-15

III. Lessons from Uzziah's Reign

A. We Can Do Incredible Good When We Seek God

- 1. God worked in his life: 2 Chron 26:5,7,15
- 2. Result: Very strong / fame spread: 2 Chron 26:8,15
- 3. NOT "Prosperity Gospel" BUT "The Lord was with him"
- 4. How Did He Seek God? (Parallel: physical & spiritual warfare)
 - a. Listened to godly influences - 2 Chron 26:5 - Zechariah
 - b. Bold in his battle against evil: 2 Chron 26:6,9,10,13,15
 - c. Trusted in the Lord - 2 Chron 26:5 - sought the Lord

B. In the Day of Prosperity, Consider

- 1. 2 Chron 26:6-15 - a picture of God's blessings on Uzziah
- 2. 2 Chron 26:16 - BUT... it all fell apart - WHY? Arrogance
- 3. Our temptations in freedom, prosperity, and achievements
- 4. His Process of Slipping Away from God
 - a. Became Strong - Forgot it was by God
 - b. His Heart was Proud - "I" did all of this
 - c. Unfaithful to the Lord - Didn't trust in God

C. Stand for God, Against Anyone

- 1. 2 Chron 26:17-21 - How difficult was their stand vs. King??
- 2. Times when we're faced with: "But what if...?"

D. Don't Lose Your Perspective

- 1. Somewhere there was a SHIFT in Uzziah's life
 - a. Shift from a trust in God to trust in self
 - b. But maybe the greatest BLESSING in his life - was leprosy
- 2. Religious people going thru the motions: Isaiah 1:11-15
- 3. Getting the Right Perspective: Isaiah 6:1-8
 - a. Know who God is
 - b. Know who you are - a SINNER in need of God's grace
 - c. Live and Act with God's purpose (serve in His army)