

The Rise and Fall of Uzziah

2 Chronicles 26:3-21

Taking it Home:

1. Is there a character defect or generational sin pattern in your own life that is tripping you up and causing you to stumble in your walk with Christ? God is a merciful God. Take a moment to repent and confess your sin. What practical steps can you take to remove this Achilles' heel from your life?

Prayer Concerns:

Uzziah's Rise [3-15]

Uzziah's Fall: [16-21]

Learning to finish well:

1. Acknowledge and resist _____.
2. Seek and listen to _____.
3. Remain _____.
4. Repent and _____.

"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." [Hebrews 4:1]

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. Describe a project that you started, but never finished.

Digging Deeper:

Read 2 Chronicles 26:1-15

1. What were some of the things that contributed to Uzziah's success? In what ways did the Lord bless him?
2. Verse 5 reads, "He sought God during the days of Zechariah, who instructed him in the fear of God. As long as he sought the Lord, God gave him success." Besides material success, in what other ways does the Lord grant success when we seek him?

Read 2 Chronicles 26:16-21

3. Pride was the tipping point that led to Uzziah's downfall. What is at the root of pride? How have you seen this character defect trip up those who have had some form of success? Has this ever been a stumbling block for you?

4. Was Uzziah's decision to enter the temple and burn incense innocent or malicious? What was God's punishment for Uzziah's sin? Why was God's punishment so severe? What can we learn from this?
5. Pride was not limited to Uzziah's own life and reign. We see it in his father and grandfather as well. How do generational sin patterns affect families? Where have you seen this play out either in your own family or in those in your circle?
6. Proverbs 27:6 says, "Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses." What does this mean? How can honesty become the foundation for a friendship? Who in your life do you allow to speak truth to help guide you?
7. Neither Uzziah, his father, nor his grandfather finished well. What practices do you have in place to help you finish your spiritual race well?