

LIVE LIKE A KING

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I. THE LIFE CYCLE OF UZZIAH

Proverbs 20:28 Love and faithfulness keep a king safe; through love his throne is made secure.

Hesed: The pledged love of those who are in covenant

A. *The Rise of a King*

2 Chronicles 26:3 Uzziah was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-two years. His mother's name was Jekoliah; she was from Jerusalem.

1.) **Lead**

2 Chronicles 26:4 He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, just as his father Amaziah had done.

2.) **Do Right**

2 Chronicles 26:5 He sought God during the days of Zechariah, who instructed him in the fear of God.

3.) **Sought God**

2 Chronicles 26:5 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.

4.) **Success**

2 Chronicles 26:8 The Ammonites brought tribute to Uzziah, and his fame spread as far as the border of Egypt, because he had become very powerful.

2 Chronicles 26:15 In Jerusalem he made devices invented for use on the towers and on the corner defenses so that soldiers could shoot arrows and hurl large stones from the walls. His fame spread far and wide, for he was greatly helped until he became powerful.

5.) **Powerful**

B. Lessons To Be Learned

- 1.) Love with your heart: How do I live and love in covenant?**
- 2.) Love with your head: What is the best decision for those that I love?**

“They must see that in the end he would sacrifice himself for them, rather than sacrifice them to save himself.” ~ Timothy Keller

- 3.) Love with your hands: How can I serve those I love?**

C. The Fall of a King

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1.) Pride

2 Chronicles 26:16 But after Uzziah became powerful, his pride led to his downfall. He was unfaithful to the LORD his God, and entered the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense.

2.) Unfaithful

2 Chronicles 26:17-18 Azariah the priest with eighty other courageous priests of the LORD followed him in. They confronted King Uzziah and said, “It is not right for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD. That is for the priests, the descendants of Aaron, who have been consecrated to burn incense. Leave the sanctuary, for you have been unfaithful; and you will not be honored by the LORD God.”

2 Chronicles 26:19 Uzziah, who had a censer in his hand ready to burn incense, became angry. While he was raging at the priests in their presence before the incense altar in the LORD'S temple, leprosy broke out on his forehead.

3.) Anger

2 Chronicles 26:20-21 When Azariah the chief priest and all the other priests looked at him, they saw that he had leprosy on his forehead, so they hurried him out. Indeed, he himself was eager to leave, because the LORD had afflicted him. King Uzziah had leprosy until the day he died. He lived in a separate house—

leprous, and banned from the temple of the LORD. Jotham his son had charge of the palace and governed the people of the land.

2 Chronicles 26:23 Uzziah rested with his ancestors and was buried near them in a cemetery that belonged to the kings, for people said, "He had leprosy." And Jotham his son succeeded him as king.

4.) Downfall

II. LIVING LIKE A KING

A. Just because you start well, it does not mean you will finish well.

- When God helps you to be powerful it is for His purposes and not your own.

B. It is wise to search your Heart, Head, and Hands.

- When you see signs of downfall, go back to where you started.

C. Remember that, in the end, it is always all about King Jesus.