

Medals of Greatness

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Pro 22:4 By humility *and* the fear of the LORD *are*
riches, and honour, and life.

1Pe 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all *of you* be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

1Pe 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

1Pe 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

1Pe 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

2Ch 26:1 Then all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who *was* sixteen years old, and made him king in the room of his father Amaziah.

2Ch 26:2 He built Eloth, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

2Ch 26:3 Sixteen years old *was* Uzziah when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Jecoliah of Jerusalem.

2Ch 26:4 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah did.

2Ch 26:5 And he sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God: and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him to prosper.

2Ch 26:6 And he went forth and warred against the Philistines, and brake down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod, and built cities about Ashdod, and among the Philistines.

2Ch 26:7 And God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians that dwelt in Gurbaal, and the Mehunims.

2Ch 26:8 And the Ammonites gave gifts to Uzziah: and his name spread abroad *even* to the entering in of Egypt; for he strengthened *himself* exceedingly.

2Ch 26:9 Moreover Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the corner gate, and at the valley gate, and at the turning *of the wall*, and fortified them.

2Ch 26:10 Also he built towers in the desert, and digged many wells: for he had much cattle, both in the low country, and in the plains: husbandmen *also*, and vine dressers in the mountains, and in Carmel: for he loved husbandry.

2Ch 26:11 Moreover Uzziah had an host of fighting men, that went out to war by bands, according to the number of their account by the hand of Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the ruler, under the hand of Hananiah, *one* of the king's captains.

2Ch 26:12 The whole number of the chief of the fathers of the mighty men of valour *were* two thousand and six hundred.

2Ch 26:13 And under their hand *was* an army, three hundred thousand and seven thousand and five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy.

2Ch 26:14 And Uzziah prepared for them throughout all the host shields, and spears, and helmets, and habergeons, and bows, and slings *to cast* stones.

2Ch 26:15 And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones withal. And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvellously helped, till he was strong.

2Ch 26:16 But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to *his* destruction: for he transgressed against the LORD his God, and went into the temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the altar of incense.

2Ch 26:17 And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him fourscore priests of the LORD, *that were* valiant men:

2Ch 26:18 And they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him, *It appertaineth* not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto the LORD, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast trespassed; neither *shall it be* for thine honour from the LORD God.

2Ch 26:19 Then Uzziah was wroth, and *had* a censer in his hand to burn incense: and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD, from beside the incense altar.

2Ch 26:20 And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he *was* leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out from thence; yea, himself hasted also to go out, because the LORD had smitten him.

2Ch 26:21 And Uzziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a several house, *being* a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD: and Jotham his son *was* over the king's house, judging the people of the land.

2Ch 26:22 Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first and last, did Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, write.

2Ch 26:23 So Uzziah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial which *belonged* to the kings; for they said, He *is* a leper: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

59-1115 - My New Ministry

45 So, you don't have to be rich and mighty in this world, to be great in the sight of God. You only have to be humble in your heart. And God calls that "greatness," he that's great enough to humble himself. That's a great person, that'll—that'll take the blame for everything, that'll humble himself. That's greatness.

63-0825M - How Can I Overcome?

102 I've had the privilege of getting, meeting some great men. And it's these guys that got a change of clothes, and fifty cents in their pocket, and to rattle, that's the guy that thinks he's something when he's nothing. But I stood by great men, I mean great men with ragged sleeves, cuffs. They make you think you're the great person. See? Greatness is humility. Don't forget that, Church. Greatness is expressed in humility, not how fine you can be. I don't mean dirty, now. I—I mean humble in spirit. See? I don't mean just get—get out and don't ever wash and clean up. That, you should do that. You know that. See? But I'm talking about humility, genuine humility, not something is put-on. Something that is, that's real humility.

103 Jesus told us how to do it. He overcome. Means...Overcome means "to stand the test," that's right, like all the old saints did; like Jesus did: amidst of all of His enemies, He stood the test. Everything He was tested against, He stood it. In the very face of sickness, and Him being Messiah, He healed them. In the face of death, He brought it back to life. In the face of Calvary, His Own death, He defeated it by surrendering Himself. Why? By the Word. Said, "You destroy this Temple, and I'll raise it up in three days." The Word said so. See? And in the presence of death, He defeated it. He overcome death. In the presence of hell, He defeated hell and overcome hell. Yes. In the presence of the grave, He overcome the grave. Why? All by the Word, and humility. Oh, my! There's the real Man. There's the One to make your example. See? He defeated everything, overcome it.

62-1013 - The Influence Of Another

44 So this young king, being influenced by his father when he was a young man, and taught Israel the precepts of God. And then, all at once, he turned in his last days and taught against God. And his own people...He was slain by his own people. It looked like that would have been a great lesson to Uzziah, about this. But we find, that, when Uzziah taken the throne, that he started right in the way his daddy did, bringing back the things of God, bringing Israel back to the worship of God. He strengthened himself.

45 And I want to always be thankful for him in his young days, because he never played any politics. Although politics might have been against him, but, yet, he stayed right on the line of God. And it thrilled this little, young prophet, so, till he become a hero. He was an example to Isaiah the prophet.

46 And Isaiah went to the castle to stay with him, to the king's palace. He called him in. He liked Isaiah. Isaiah was young, also. And—and he...They were chums, together. And how that king, when he would go out there... And they, some of the men of politics, would come in and say, "We must do so-and-so." King Uzziah first sought the Lord. "Lord, is it Your will that we do it thus-and-thus?" God, give us a president like that. Not only that, but give us preachers. "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all other things will be added."

Isa 6:1 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

Isa 6:2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

Isa 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, *is* the LORD of hosts: the whole earth *is* full of his glory.

Isa 6:4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

Isa 6:5 Then said I, Woe *is* me! for I am undone; because I *am* a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

Isa 6:6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, *which* he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

Isa 6:7 And he laid *it* upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

Isa 6:8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here *am* I; send me.

62-1013 - The Influence Of Another

59 Now, but, when this king got to a place, being such a great man, and influencing Isaiah and the righteous, of course, of his kingdom, he got to a place he got feeling self-secured. And there is where you make your mistake. There is where so many righteous men bite the dust of shame, bite of dust of defeat, is because they begin to feel self-secure. You begin to think that you have lived so long for Christ, that, no matter what He presents before you, you'll take your choice whether you want it or not. You've got to continue to serve God. No matter what you was, back ten years ago, it's what you are now.