

Squaw Creek Baptist Church, Marion, IA.
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SERMON OUTLINE 9/21/08

BIBLE PASSAGE: [II Kings 15:1-7](#); [II Chronicles 26:1-23](#)

TITLE: “MISSING GOD’S BEST”

INTRO:

1. Subject this morning-the _____ of one of Judah’s kings/Azariah-“Jehovah is my keeper.”
2. His father’s name was Amaziah/semi-good _____, but did not remove “high places.”
3. Azariah is covered in detail/*II Chronicles*-known there as Uzziah.
4. Started well/fell into sin/finished poorly.

PROPOSITION: You can miss God’s best for your life through incomplete obedience, (Be alert, die daily, redeem the time).

I. AZARIAH SURRENDERED HIS PRIORITIES, [II Kings 15:1-4](#); [II Chronicles 26:6-15](#).

A. Notice His Heritage.

1. His _____ was spiritually stronger than his father...
2. Male leadership and example.
3. Zechariah was a mentor-[II Chronicles 26:5](#).
4. Azariah followed God through his _____ years, [II Chronicles 26:4, 5](#).

B. Notice His Hindrance.

1. First error-weak stand on truth, (no buts).
2. Second error-pride and over confidence in _____ ability.

II. AZARIAH SUCCUMBED TO PRIDE, [II Chronicles 26:14-19](#).

A. He Had A Wrong Emphasis In His Life.

1. The counsel of his _____ was overturned by someone or something...
2. Where's your emphasis/what are your priorities?

B. He Had Rebellion In His Life.

1. Schooled in Judaism/many advantages/knew the _____.
2. Self-emphasis led to rebellion/invasion of priestly office.
3. Don't miss the guideposts....

III. AZARIAH SACRIFICED HIS PROSPERITY, [II Kings 15:5](#); [II Chronicles 26:19-21](#).

A. He Was _____ by God, cf. [Galatians 6:7-9](#).

1. Lesser penalty for confession.
2. His son Jotham became co-ruler, (because of leprosy).

B. _____ From The People.

1. A "several house" (isolated) was a place of quarantine.
2. He might have been alone/from pride to despair.

CONCLUSION:

1. Was he a believer? Are you?
2. Don't settle for your best/PURSUE God's best!