

The destructive path of pride

2 Kings 14 (p. 303); 2 Chronicles 25 (p. 362)

I. KING AMAZIAH OF JUDAH STARTED OUT HIS REIGN MOSTLY GODLY (2 KINGS 14:1-7)

- A. Did much right, but not wholeheartedly (14:4; 2Chron 25:2)
- B. Imitated Joash his father, but not godly David (14:3)
- C. Rightly executed his father's assassins (14:5-6)

II. KING AMAZIAH BECAME PROUD IN VICTORY AND GOD JUDGED HIM (2 KINGS 14:8-20; 2 CHRONICLES 25).

- A. Edomite war – Arrogance in victory (2 Chron. 25:5-16)
 - Hired Israel's army, but then sent them home (25:6-10)
 - Defeated Edom (25:11-12), but was raided by Israel (25:13)
 - Worshipped Edom's idols – rejecting God's rebuke (25:14-16)
- B. Civil war with Israel – Arrogance & loss (2 Chron. 25:17-28)
 - Declared war, rejecting warnings (25:17-19; 2 K. 14:8-10)
 - Defeated, captured, wall, treasures, hostages (25:20-24)
 - Assassinated 15 years later (25:25-28)

The progression of pride that ruins our lives

1. Half-hearted obedience to God – ignoring certain sins
2. Following questionable spiritual examples
3. Faith in numbers instead of faith in God
4. Seeking counsel from the world, and refusing God's counsel
5. Creating conflicts, trying to prove our importance
6. Living disciplined by God and humiliated before others