

A life-long walk in God's presence

2 Kings 15:32-38; 2 Chronicles 27

I. JOTHAM REFUSED TO REPEAT HIS DAD'S SPIRITUAL MISTAKES.

- Jotham imitated his dad's good example, but not his spiritual arrogance (2 Kings 15:32-38; 2 Chron. 27:1-2a).
- God began to bring judgment on Judah (2 Kings 15:37).
- Application: Godliness begins by caring what God sees.
- Application: We must discern when God wants us to follow a mentor's example and when we must not.

II. JOTHAM RESISTED MAKING SPIRITUAL COMPROMISES WITH HIS CULTURE.

- Jotham was not corrupt like most Jews who sacrificed at high places (2 Kings 15:35; 2 Chronicles 27:2b).
- Application: We may need to be different from family, friends and even Christian friends to please God.

III. JOTHAM BECAME POWERFUL BECAUSE HE FAITHFULLY LIVED TO PLEASE GOD.

- Jotham accomplished building projects and defeated Ammonites who brought tribute (2 Chronicles 27:3-5).
- KEY VERSE (2 Chronicles 27:6): God gave Jotham power because he set his direction to please God.
- Application questions:
 1. Have I directed my life toward pleasing God alone?
 2. In my time with God and His word, do I recognize what He wants me to change to grow spiritually?