



## CROOKED CROWNS

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2 Chronicles 26:3-5, 16-19

<sup>3</sup> Uzziah was sixteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jecoliah of Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> And he did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done. <sup>5</sup> He set himself to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who instructed him in the fear of God, and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him prosper.

<sup>16</sup> But when he was strong, he grew proud, to his destruction. For he was unfaithful to the LORD his God and entered the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense. <sup>17</sup> But Azariah the priest went in after him, with eighty priests of the LORD who were men of valor, <sup>18</sup> and they withstood King Uzziah and said to him, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Go out of the sanctuary, for you have done wrong, and it will bring you no honor from the LORD God." <sup>19</sup> Then Uzziah was angry. Now he had a censer in his hand to burn incense, and when he became angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead in the presence of the priests in the house of the LORD, by the altar of incense.

1. Instead of longing for what isn't ours, we must DEVELOP what is, to the GLORY OF GOD.

2. Doing more than God requires is the heartbeat of EMPTY RELIGION.

3. Our limitations are an act of GRACE from a God who knows all too well the destruction of the prideful human heart.