

DAILY DEVOTIONS

THE 7 ARROWS OF BIBLE READING

What does this passage say?

What did this passage mean to its original audience?

What does this passage tell us about God?

What does this passage tell us about man?

What does this passage demand of me?

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How does this passage change the way I relate to people?

How does this passage prompt me to pray?

DAY 01

2 CHRON. 26:1-23

Uzziah was one of the better kings of Judah. He sought the Lord and strengthened the nation spiritually and materially. Yet the Scripture say that "when he became strong, he grew arrogant, and it led to his own destruction" (v. 16). King Solomon had warned that pride comes before a fall (Prov. 16:18), but this king failed to remember that warning. We all must be careful to deal with our pride. Success can make us arrogant, and that is when we are vulnerable. So, humble yourself before the Lord today and every day.

HOW MIGHT SUCCESS TEMPT YOU TO BE PRIDEFUL?

WHEN HAVE YOU STRUGGLED WITH PRIDE?

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO REMAIN HUMBLE?

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DAY 02

2 CHRON. 29:1-11

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES DO YOU HAVE TO SERVE THE LORD?

HOW CAN YOU MAKE THE MOST OF THIS SEASON FOR THE LORD?

WHAT MIGHT BE DELAYING YOU FROM DOING WHAT GOD WANTS YOU TO DO?

Hezekiah's challenge to the priests is a great challenge to us as well: "Don't be negligent now, for the LORD has chosen you to stand in his presence, to serve him" (v. 11). The Lord has chosen you to live for Him. His presence is with you, and He wants you to serve Him with your life. So, do not neglect the opportunities the Lord has given you. Now is the time to do what God wants you to do. No more waiting or procrastinating. Take each opportunity you have to live for Christ every day.

DAY 03

2 CHRON. 32:20-31

God will use both challenges and victories to test our hearts. On one occasion, King Hezekiah cried out to the Lord for deliverance against a great foreign enemy. Another time, he asked God for healing. Both times, God answered his request, but his victories led to pride. When the Babylonians visited, his heart was tested yet again. Every situation we experience will bring out what is truly in our hearts. May our responses always reveal love, humility, and integrity.

WHAT SITUATIONS HAVE TAUGHT YOU SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR OWN HEART?

HOW CAN YOU GROW WHEN YOU FAIL IN THESE SITUATIONS?

IN WHAT WAYS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE YOUR CHARACTER GROW THE MOST?



2 CHRON. 34:1-33

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO TAKE YOUR FAITH SERIOUSLY AS A TEENAGER?

WHAT ARE SOME WAYS GOD COULD USE YOU IN THIS SEASON OF YOUR LIFE?

HOW MIGHT YOU BE UNDERESTIMATING THE WAYS GOD CAN USE YOU AS A TEENAGER?

Josiah was one of the godliest kings of Judah. It is incredible how he lived for the Lord from such an early age and continued to do so throughout his reign. He became king at eight years old, sought the Lord for himself as a teenager, tore down the idols in Judah at twenty years old, and cleansed the temple at age twenty-six. You don't have to wait until you are old to live for the Lord. Like Josiah, seek the Lord now and watch what He does through your life for His glory.

DAY 05

2 CHRON. 36:11-21

Road signs offer many warnings to prepare you for what is ahead. They will tell you when your lane is about to merge or if there is a sharp corner coming. Like the many road signs, God sent Judah many warnings about what was ahead if they continued down their current path. But they ignored His kind and merciful warnings. The Lord wants you to avoid the pain and suffering that comes from taking a sinful path. Listen to His warnings and follow His direction.

HOW MIGHT GOD BE TRYING TO GET YOUR ATTENTION?

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO LISTEN TO GOD'S WARNINGS?

WHAT DIFFERENCE WOULD IT MAKE IF YOU KNEW GOD'S WARNINGS WERE OUT OF COMPASSION AND LOVE FOR YOU?