

II Chronicles ([歷代志下](#)) Chapters 26-28

Grandfather Uzziah

- 1) The Good – (26:4)
 - a. Action: He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord. He sought God and fear the Lord.
 - b. Consequence: God gave him success as long as he sought the Lord (26:5)
- 2) The Bad (26:16-18)
 - a. Action: After Uzziah became powerful, his pride led to his downfall. He did something God did not allow (only priests are allowed to burn incense in the temple).
 - b. Consequence: He suffered from the punishment (leprosy as stated in 26:19-21)

Father Jotham

- 1) Good
 - a. Action: He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord even he was around unholy people (corrupt practices) (27:2). He walked and acted for the Lord. (27:2-4)
 - b. Consequence: He grew powerful because he walked steadfastly before the Lord his God (27:6)

Son Ahaz (father of Hezekiah)

- 1) Bad
 - a. Action: He did not do what was right in the eyes of the Lord (28:1)
 1. Against God – cast idols for worship (28:3)
 2. Hurt people – sacrificed his sons in the fire (28:3)
 - b. Consequence:
 1. God handed him over to the King of Aram and King of Israel (28:5) – yourself get hurt
 2. Killed many of his people and took many of his people as prisoners (28:5-8) – people around you get hurt
 - c. Repeated action:
King Ahaz became even more unfaithful to the Lord(28:22-25)
–This is the typical spiral downward trap of people away from God.

What are the lessons for you?

First, you can be anyone of the three, and it depends on how you walk with God.

Let's first examine Father Uzziah. You have to **be watchful** even you are walking with the Lord. Pride is the worst sin just as Satan fall due to pride. If you are not careful, pride or other sin can get into you. Pride can be "you can do all things by yourself like making good money, maintain good health or even spiritual pride". It is God's mercy of what you have. You don't want to fall away from God because of sin due to not watchful of your thought and action.

Let's examine Father Jothan. One key verse in the chapter about him is "... because he walked steadfastly before the Lord his God (27:6)". The word "steadfastly" is the key. We need to be **steadfast**. It is not easy but that is the way.

Now, let's examine Father (son) Ahaz. He did not realize he sinned. He did not repent. The consequence is there. When he did not get what he hoped for, he sin more (go further away from God). This is very typical of getting into a trap of spiral downward. Many people blamed God for all the bad events happened, and not do self-examination. The only way to stop the downward spiral is to **confess sin and walk with God again**. As "Fathers" in these Bible chapters, that is similar to parents or leaders today, your action and consequences can affect or hurt a lot of people around you.

In summary, be steadfast in following God and be watchful of your action and thought, and self-examine. If sinned, confess and repent.