

1 CHRONICLES 24-29

WEEK IN REVIEW + FAMILY GUIDE

WEEK IN REVIEW

There are a lot of kings we see in the book of 2 Chronicles! As we read the Bible, it is important to look for examples to follow and mistakes to avoid. These chapters are filled with kings that teach us both. The first king was named Joash and he was just a kid! Joash was seven years old when he became king and he reigned for forty years in Jerusalem. Imagine taking over as king at seven years old! It tells us that "Throughout the time of the priest Jehoiada, Joash did what was right in the Lord's sight." What can we learn from this? This shows us that he was only faithful to God when someone was watching. Joash only did what was right in the eyes of the Lord when the priest was alive. After the priest passed, Joash listened to bad advisors and abandoned God. This is something we can take note of. We are called to follow God regardless of who is around us. That is what it means to have **integrity**, which is doing the right thing even when no one is watching.

The next king was named Amaziah and he reigned for twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. It tells us that "He did what was right in the Lord's sight but not wholeheartedly." **Wholehearted** devotion means loving God with all your heart and showing it in everything you do. King Amaziah won battles and obeyed God in some areas, but bought home idols and worshipped them which was disobedience to God. We are called to follow God wholeheartedly, and give our complete devotion to Him. Our heart is not supposed to be pulled in different directions, but fully focused on the Lord. Psalm 86:11 says, "Teach me your way, Lord, and I will live by your truth. Give me an undivided mind to fear your name." Half-hearted devotion to God is really not devotion at all.

King Uzziah took the throne when he was sixteen and reigned for fifty-two years in Jerusalem. He experienced success from the Lord through military victories, but his downfall was his **pride**. Pride is thinking more or less about yourself, instead of thinking about God. King Uzziah let success get to his head, he broke God's laws, and believed that he was above correction. It says that, "After Uzziah became powerful, his pride led to his downfall. He was unfaithful to the Lord his God, and entered the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense." He got angry at the priests who tried to correct him. This is also something we can learn from. We are called to have a heart of humility knowing that God is in control and His ways are best, so we should follow him. There are a lot more kings to take note of, and it is important that we learn from each of them!

FAMILY GUIDE

BIG IDEA:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be faithful to God even when no one is watching
KEY STORIES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Joash Repairs and Rebels ● Amaziah's Rise and Fall ● Uzziah's Pride
KEY VERSES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 Chronicles 24:20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "Why do you disobey the Lord's commands? You will not prosper." ● 2 Chronicles 25:2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, but not wholeheartedly." ● 2 Chronicles 26:5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "As long as he sought the Lord, God gave him success." ● 2 Chronicles 27:6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "Jotham grew powerful because he walked steadfastly before the Lord his God."
WORDS TO KNOW:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Integrity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Doing the right thing even when no one is watching ● Wholeheartedly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Loving God with all your heart and showing it in everything you do ● Pride <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thinking more or less about yourself, instead of thinking about God.

Reflection Questions

1.	What does it mean to have integrity?
2.	When is a time that you have not had integrity?
3.	What does it mean to love God wholeheartedly?
4.	How can pride keep us from following God faithfully?