

The Epitaph of

P R I D E

**What Do You Want On Your
Tombstone?**

2 Chronicles 26:3-23

PRIDEFUL TRAP #1

PROSPERITY

3 Uzziah was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-two years... 4 He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, just as his father Amaziah had done. 5 He sought God during the days of Zechariah, who instructed him in the fear of God. As long as he sought the Lord, God gave him success.

vv. 6-15

- Foreign affairs – Philistines & Elath
- Domestic affairs – Buildings everywhere
- Military strength - Catapult

PRIDEFUL TRAP #2

POPULARITY

2 Chron 26:15

His fame spread far and wide, for he was greatly helped until he became powerful.

2 Chron 26:16

16 But after Uzziah became powerful, his pride led to his downfall. He was unfaithful to the Lord his God,

PRIDEFUL TRAP #3

POSITION

2 Chron 26:17-19

"It is not right for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the Lord. That is for the priests, the descendants of Aaron, who have been consecrated to burn incense. Leave the sanctuary, for you have been unfaithful; and you will not be honored by the Lord God."

19 Uzziah, ...became angry.

Description of the Proud:

- Confidence on their own
- Look down on others
- Compare himself with others
- Boast of his position and accomplishments
- Doesn't repent or sorry for his sins

Description of the humble:

- Humbled
- Shows Godly Sorrow
- Exalts God
- Admits Sins

CONCLUSION-Epitaph of Pride

2 Chron 26:21-23

21 King Uzziah had leprosy until the day he died. He lived in a separate house -leprous, and excluded from the temple of the Lord.

23 Uzziah rested with his fathers and was buried near them in a field for burial that belonged to the kings, for people said, "He had leprosy."

Paul's Epitaph

- 2 Tim 4:6-8

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day — and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

PART II

THE CURSES OF THE
PROUD AND THE
BLESSINGS OF THE
HUMBLE