



# Daily Devotions

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## The Way to Peace and Prosperity A Steady, Sincere walk with God

**2 Chronicles 26:1** Then all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the room of his father Amaziah.

**2** He built Eloth, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

**3** Sixteen years old was Uzziah when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Jecoliah of Jerusalem.

**4** And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah did.

**5** And he sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God: and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him to prosper.

**When I was a boy in the 1950's and 60's there was a great stability in our Churches, families and in Christian lives.**

**It was a time that brought great prosperity and happiness as the standard of living in America rose higher than for any nation in all of history even though most households were one wage earner households.**



**Families were large.**

**The Birth control pill had not yet destroyed the fabric of the traditional family. Women and children needed men. Stable hard working men to provide for their financial needs as a family.**

**We see such a stability and prosperity in the time of the young king Uzziah who loved the Lord and led the nation in a stable and secure example of faith and piety.**

**Uzziah was the product of faithful parents. King Amaziah and his wife Jecoliah's faithfulness and stability brought forth not only an amazing young king but set the standard for the entire nation.**

**There is nothing glitzy or glamorous in this sort of God fearing society. But there is peace and prosperity, family togetherness and a resulting joy and happiness.**

**The birth control pill has destroyed the traditional roles of the man and the woman. I do not think our nation will ever be able to restore the stability and peace that should be ours, that God wants for us.**

The destruction of the Biblical family in society has shattered the foundation needed for stability of heart and mind as a nation. Even to suggest that the purpose of life is for a man and woman to marry and raise a family with the woman as a home maker, wife and mother and the man as the provider, bread winner and head of the home is anathema to most Christians let alone the world.

But I can remember such a time, when my classmates did not have to fear their parents divorcing it was alien to us. We did not suspect the possibility of our parents being irresponsible. The grade school sent all the students home for an hour lunch break every day and every mom was waiting at home with a lunch ready for her family to eat that meal together. I knew only one classmate that came from a broken family. He later came to faith in Christ as an adult largely because when he stayed in our



home overnight he experienced a family gathering together in the morning for breakfast, prayer and devotions and that haunted him and he longed for such and years later he contacted me to let me know how influential that one morning was in bringing him to faith in Christ.

But today not only are morning devotions gone from most homes even a time of eating together at the same table has perished.

There is no stability today. People are unhappy. Drug abuse and suicide are epidemic. Families are a mess and our national leaders can't tell the difference between a boy and a girl and

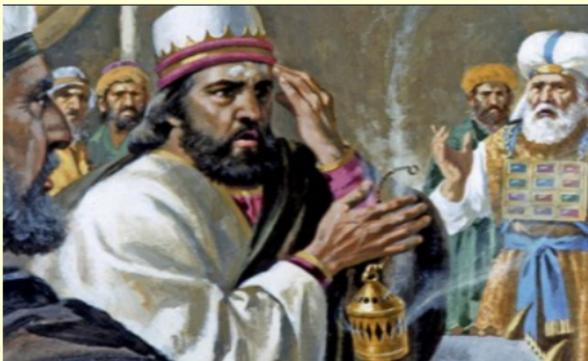
are so beyond dictatorial that they demand that we reject words like mother and father, boy and girl, he and she.

But there remains a remnant in America. Christians who have pulled their families out of the God-forsaken schools. Christians who are fighting modern society against all odds, having children and mom staying home to raise them and dad working extra hard to provide for them in a world that has flooded the work market by expecting both man and woman to work and has reduced the standard of living so that both parents working can barely keep the same standard of living as families enjoyed when I was young with only the dad as a wage earner.

May God bless those parents who refuse the world's standards and are doing the tough work. May they keep that stability and faith that once produced a King Uzziah to lead the nation in peace and prosperity.

Living for Jesus is not a get rich quick scheme. It may seem to be a difficult life in this evil age but it is the way to fight the devil. It is the way to trigger the modern world and all its narcissistic control freaks. It is the way to happiness and joy and peace and prosperity. Do not be discouraged. Be an Amaziah and Jecoliah. You are raising the Uzziahs of the future.

Uzziah was co-regent with his father for 24 years and after his father died Uzziah continued to lead his nation in righteousness for two more decades until in his old age he strayed from the Lord and in his spiritual pride



attempted to usurp the role of the priests. He was struck with leprosy as a result of his disobedience.

The same tempter will tempt you saying, “Serving God is not worth the price, I offer you more...”. Don’t go there and don’t give in. Stay steady. Steady in family life. Steady in piety. Steady in Christian fellowship in a true Church.



**“Thou therefore, my son,  
be strong in the grace  
that is in Christ Jesus.”**

2 Timothy 2:1 (KJV)