

Sharing

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I. Introduction.

- A. In regards to raising children, you do the best you can and at the end of your life you say sorry.
- B. Pastors are always on guard and can be selective in their ministry.
- C. Ministers need endurance in the ministry.
- D. The greatest place for the ministry is at home.
- E. Our labor in the Lord is not in vain. When the Lord's word is extended it is never in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:58)

II. What makes a successful Christian and why some hit the skids.

- A. As long as Uzziah sought the Lord, God prospered him.
- B. Uzziah's soldiers also made him successful. Our people also make us successful.
 - 1. The basic unit of the Navigators is a man and his team.
 - 2. It is not what makes a ministry, but who makes a ministry.
- C. Pride caused Uzziah to hit the skids, and it causes us to as well.
- D. Anger also hindered Uzziah, and it hinders us.
 - 1. Anger leads to resentment.
 - 2. Resentment leads to bitterness, which can disqualify for the ministry.
 - 3. All of this probably resulted from Uzziah failing to seek the Lord.

III. We are not to ask for easy ways, but the grace of God that is sufficient.

- A. Never doubt in the light what God has shown you in the dark.
- B. We are to always abound in the Lord.

IV. The present work of the Navigators.

- A. It is paramount that the Navigator teach through the values of the culture to spark discipleship.
- B. Relativistic values are a hindrance in some cultures.

Application questions

1. What did Uzziah do that made him successful?

2. What brought about Uzziah's downfall?

3. Which principle stands out to you about Uzziah's life? What will you do this week to develop this characteristic or prevent it from occurring in your life?
