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**Manage That Success Successfully\_1.**

**But 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. -** 2Chr. 26:16 NIV

King Amaziah of Judah had just passed on and the people decided on his sixteen years old son, Uzziah, to become the next king, a position he held in Jerusalem for fifty-two years – 2Chr. 26:1-3. The Bible records that with the help of the Almighty God and Prophet Zechariah who instructed him in the fear of the Lord, he won many battles and rebuilt many cities. Bible historians noted that for as long as he sought the Lord, he was successful and he was rated by the Lord as a king that did right just like his father – 2Chr. 26:4-11.

The people of Judah indeed witnessed great development during his reign and with regards to military prowess, he had a well structured military who were well prepared for, and indeed won several battles all with the help and support of the Almighty God – 2Chr. 26:12-15.

He however at some point allowed the various achievements to get him intoxicated as the Bible historians in the scripture that is the foundation of today’s devotion, recorded that once he became powerful;

1. He became proud and that eventually led to his down fall – Dan. 4:1-34. The Bible states that pride goes before destruction – Prov. 16:18. To be proud in this instance will mean that he started having or showing excessively high opinion of himself or his achievement. A proud person sees no other person or contributor, but him/her self alone, to what has been achieved.
2. He became unfaithful to the Lord. Loyalty and steadfastness to someone or a course, which is what being faithful is, is most cases the result of appreciation of the personality or the idea behind the course. It is impossible to be faithful to someone or something that one cannot see or better still have chosen not to see, when such a person can only see himself in all things. Why become loyal to who you cannot see when there is someone that is seen every second? Proud people are only faithful to themselves and being unfaithful is a natural follow-up to pride. This is because the one that is proud cannot see any other person but him/her self in the achievement and that includes the Almighty God, who in truth and reality remains the all in all, of all achievements. Verbal statements may be made by the proud one, that gives the impression of acknowledging God in that success, but unfortunately the god in reference here is able to read intentions which in such cases is not always a reflection of what is being said. Why would one expect someone who sees him/her self as the Alpha and Omega of all the success he/she has achieved to be faithful to another? It is simply impossible but again the result of all such acts will be destruction from the Lord.
3. He entered the temple to burn incense on the Altar of incense. That is always the ultimate act. It is always the proverbial last straw that breaks the camel’s back. In the attempt to add to the achieved greatness so that the applause and recognition can continue, such forget that even the achievement that brought the current applause was the result of supernatural backing, and so begin to trespass into areas beyond their ability or calling. With the influence and support of flatterers and praise singers, such is not able to apply restraint until boundary lines are crossed. Attempts to undertake activities beyond their natural ability and in the absence of supernatural support leads to failure and shame such that the applause automatically turns into booing. As it is always said, one remains a hero as far as the last success as no matter the number of victories, one single defeat wipes out all the honour obtained for the previous victories.

There is no doubt that he had become so carried away by his God-given success and he lacked the ability to manage it successfully. May God grant us the ability to successfully manage our God-given success in Jesus name. Amen.