

Not with a Loyal Heart
2 Chron 25:1-2
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Thesis: I want to show what can happen if we do not have a loyal heart for God.

Intro: 1. We are loyal to many things in this life: jobs, family, personal hobbies, etc.
2. How loyal are we to God?

I. Amaziah was blessed in the beginning by God. (**2 Sam 22:22-25**)

A. Amaziah had God on his side (**v.3-5**)

1. Amaziah accomplished much with God on his side.
2. Man must realize with God on our side we will be blessed.

B. Amaziah follows the advice the prophet once but not twice (**v.6-12, Pro 12:15**)

1. Amaziah hired warriors however they are not needed.
2. Here, this man follows godly advice and is blessed.
3. His attitude however quickly changes when he gains victory

II. Amaziah betrayed God (**v.14-16**).

A. His victory caused arrogance in his heart (**Deut 8:17-20**)

1. He clearly decides he no longer requires the help of God (**Ps 20:7**)
2. He completely departs from following after God.

B. Amaziah found new “gods” to worship (**v.14**)

1. He made the gods of the wicked, his gods.
2. When he “bowed down to them” he walked away from God.

C. God didn’t ignore the departure of Amaziah from worshipping Him.

1. God’s anger was strong against him because of his new found unfaithfulness.
2. God wanted to know why he worship gods who couldn’t save those he had just defeated (**v.15, Ps 115:5-9**)!
3. Amaziah tells the prophet to hush, the prophet tells him he will die for not heeding his advice (**v.16**).

III. Amaziah’s arrogance and ignorance kept him from returning to God (**v.19-25,27**).

A. His arrogance took him to battle (**v.19-22, Pro 11:2-6**)

1. Arrogance put him in a battle that he lost.
2. Arrogance would cost him wealth (**v.23-25**)

B. He would lose his life because of his unfaithfulness (**v.27**).

1. From the time he turned away from God people turned against him.
2. It is clear unfaithfulness towards God doesn’t pay.

Conc: 1. It is clear that being loyal to God brings blessings.
2. It’s also clear that unfaithfulness brings death.
3. Invitation