

I CAN BE A MIGHTY MAN

KING JOTHAM

2 CHRONICLES 27:6

Day 23

King Jotham stepped into a difficult situation. His father, King Uzziah, was banished from the palace due to being punished for disobedience with leprosy. Jotham had to co-reign with his dad which meant that he ran the government. The man had to have some amazing character qualities, yet God used a total of 16 verses to record his reign. He was described as a man who became mighty because he planned to be mighty.

The word "mighty" means someone "tied down or committed to strength & courage", a person who knows what he needs to do & then gets it done. He could do this because he "he ordered his steps before the Lord". The word "ordered" means to prepare, to stand up & work at it, even if not everyone else is joining in.

I want to be a mighty man for God like Jotham was. However, notice that Jotham "became" a mighty man. It was a process; it was a daily thing, a monthly thing, a yearly thing. It involved successes & it involved failures; there were good times & bad times; there were mistakes and there were times of obedience. Sometimes, he loved God & sometimes he wondered where God was; sometimes, he wanted to hear the word of the Lord, and sometimes he wanted no part of it; sometimes, he was supported by Christian friends, & other times he was stabbed in the back; most times he wanted to only do good things, but other times evil things flooded his mind & tempted him to consider unspeakable behaviors. Often, he prayed & really enjoyed it, but many times he did other things & allowed his prayer time to be crowded out. Sometimes, he went to church & sometimes he wanted to sleep in.

All of us fit this behavior. It is filled with good behavior, good thoughts & good times; it is attacked with bad behavior, bad thoughts, and bad times. We hang on; we fall; we get up; we confess; we are honest; we rely on God; we read His word; we start over; we mess up; we hide our shamed faces; we stand up forgiven. Thus, the making of a mighty man.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. What is your definition of a "mighty man for God"?
2. Are you a mighty man? What do you have that is preparing you for being mighty? What do you lack which needs to be added?

A PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

What do you need to say to God as you face the topic being discussed in this devotional? Write out your prayer word for word just as if you were praying. Use separate lined paper to record your prayer. Make sure you actually pray this prayer to the Lord. Be honest & be personal. After all, you mean business with God here. You want this area of your life either fixed, strengthened, added, or removed.