

## **Never Forget**

### **Ready:**

"His fame spread even to distant places, for he was marvelously helped until he became strong. But when he became strong, he grew arrogant and it led to his own destruction. He acted unfaithfully against the Lord his God by going into the Lord's sanctuary to burn incense on the incense altar." -2 Chronicles 26:15b-16

### **Set**

We know them well—athletes who, at first, worked hard and gave the credit to God for their success. But then as success increased, giving God the glory decreased. It happens all the time—the once humble athlete asks for more of the world and less of God. Pride takes over!

King Uzziah was one of these men. Under the spiritual influence of Zechariah, Uzziah sought the Lord and was blessed. But Uzziah started to focus more on himself and less on God. He became powerful quickly and quickly forgot who got him to that point. He became so proud and brash that he entered the temple and tried to do things only the priests were allowed to do.

Pride always comes before a fall. Uzziah's fall began when his disobedience led to leprosy, which led to his spiritual and ultimate defeat. God reminded Uzziah every day through his leprosy, "Never forget, I am still The Man!"

Have we forgotten who The Man truly is? Too many of us today say, "I'm the man" and puff out our chests. We reek of pride! Only He is The Man. We must not forget who created us and why—to serve Him and glorify Him in all we do.

### **Go**

1. Has pride taken over your life?
2. Have you forgotten who gave you success?
3. How can you remember what God has done for you?

### **Workout**

2 Chronicles 26; Psalm 101:5; Proverbs 8:13; 11:2; 16:5,18

### **Overtime**

Lord, forgive me for the times I trusted too much in my own abilities. Please wash over me with Your Holy Spirit and cleanse me of any pride. Help me keep my eyes on You. Without You, I would be nothing. I give You all the glory. Amen.

### **Bible Reference:**

Proverbs 16



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