

Mentor to a Monarch

Description

2 Chronicles 26:1-8

What were you doing at 16? I was trying to keep my first jalopy running while fighting the battle against acne and all the while holding down my first regular job. Uzziah, however, was made king in Jerusalem. Imagine a teenage king. One day he is ducking his teachers to fix up an old chariot, the next he is king of Judah. Talk about unprepared!

The young king came under the influence of a godly adviser named Zechariah “who instructed him in the fear of God” (26:5). As long as Uzziah sought the Lord “God gave him success” (26:6). The young king defeated Judah’s enemies and rebuilt cities. “[H]is fame spread as far as the border of Egypt, because he had become very powerful” (26:8).

Nearly all the leaders I have met in Christ’s kingdom, lay or clergy, have a similar story. A godly mentor took an interest in them at a formative age, prayed for them, encouraged them, disciplined them in the ways of the Lord, and set them an example to follow.

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