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Count God's grace every day

2 Chronicles chapter 27 deals with the reign of Jotham, king of Judah. The following is a summary of the chapter:

Jotham became king of Judah, succeeding his father Uzziah. He was 25 years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem for 16 years. His mother's name was Jerusha, the daughter of Zadok. And Jotham did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and did all that his father Uzziah had done, but he did not enter into the house of the LORD. But the people were still in ruin. Jotham built the entrance to the temple of the LORD and built the walls of Ophel. And he built cities in the hill country of Judah, and fortifications and towers in the forests. He fought against the king of the Ammonites and overcame them. Jotham grew stronger by walking in the right way before the LORD his God. Now the rest of Jotham's deeds, his wars, and his deeds, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel and Judah. He was 25 years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem for 16 years. Jotham slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David. And his son Ahaz succeeded him as king.

An obedient king, he can be blessed. Even though the previous generations were so dark, he could inherit the good points of the previous kings, and remove their shortcomings, so that he could be a blessed king. No matter how many curses our family has, if we are willing to obey, we

can be blessed. Whether our lives are vigorous or obscure, they will eventually be forgotten; The only thing that can be remembered in eternity is to walk in the right way before God.

Counting God's grace is a process of thanksgiving and reflection by looking back on past experiences and recognizing God's work and blessings in our lives. This process not only makes us more grateful, but it also strengthens our faith and spirituality. Here are some specific methods and suggestions:

1. Record at least one thing each day for which we are grateful. This can be a big thing, like health or family, or something small, like a good meal or a nice person you met today. 2. During your time for devotional and prayer, dedicate some time to thanking God. Prayer can be done to thank God for His grace in guiding, protecting, and providing. 3. Look back at our past experiences and see how God has led us through difficulties and challenges. In the process, we will discover a lot of God's grace that may not have been noticed at the time. Learn to be grateful in a variety of situations. Not only thank God in good times, but also look for God's grace and lessons in adversity, because blessings are often hidden in difficulties and challenges. Study the Bible verses about thanksgiving and learn how to count God's grace. For example, Psalm 103 and Psalm 136 are good verses of thanksgiving. When we help those in need, we are also responding to God's grace because we bless others with God's blessings.

Counting God's grace is a process of constant renewal through which we can gain a deeper appreciation of God's love and faithfulness and strengthen our faith and dependence on God. There are many verses in the Bible that refer to God's grace that remind us of God's abundant blessings and unconditional love. Here are some scriptures about God's grace:

Old Testament Scriptures

Psalm 103:2-5

Praise Yahweh, my soul, and forget not all his goodness. He forgives you all your sins and heals you of all your diseases. He redeems your life from death, crowning you with love and mercy. He has made your desires satisfied with good things, so that you will be like an eagle and a child.

Psalm 136:1

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, and his mercy endures forever.

Isaiah 30:18

The LORD will wait to be gracious to you; He will arise to have mercy on you, for the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him.

New Testament Scriptures

John 1:16-17

We have all received it from the fullness of His grace, and grace after grace. The law was preached through Moses, and grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Romans 3:23-24

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. but now by the grace of God they have been justified freely through the redemption of Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. It is not of oneself, but of God; nor by works, lest any man boast.

Titus 2:11-12

For God's saving grace has been revealed, teaching us to put away ungodliness and worldly desires, and to live self-controlled, righteous, and godly lives in this world.

Hebrews 4:16

Therefore let us come boldly to the throne of grace for mercy and grace for help in all its places.

Grace in Paul's Epistles

II Corinthians 12:9

He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."
"Therefore I prefer to boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may overshadow me.

I Corinthians 15:10

Nevertheless, what I have become today is by the grace of God, and the grace he has given me is not in vain. I have labored more than all the apostles; It is not me, but the grace of God that is with me.

These verses emphasize the importance of God's grace in our lives, whether it's salvation, protection, provision, or the blessings of everyday life. Through these verses, we can understand and appreciate God's grace more deeply and be grateful and leaning on Him at all times in our lives.

We pray

Dear Lord, we come to you in prayer and thank you for teaching us in today's verse. Help us not to be haughty like Uzziah, but to do what is right in your eyes, as Jotham did, and walk in your ways earnestly. We are confident that when we follow your teachings, we will be blessed by you and will be successful in all things.

Dear Holy Spirit, we invite you to come into our hearts, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, and instruct us to do what is good in the eyes of God. May we show your glory and walk in your presence every day of our lives. Father, we beseech you to guide us in the path of righteousness through your words of wisdom, so that the way of our lives may be blessed before your eyes.

Pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

2 Chronicles, chapter 27

27:1 Jotham was twenty-five years old when he became king, and in the sixteenth year of his reign in Jerusalem, his mother's name was Jerusha, the daughter of Zadok.

27:2 Jotham, who did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh, and did all that was right in the eyes of his father Uzziah, did not enter the house of Yahweh. the common people also do evil things .

27:3 Jotham built the upper gate of the temple of Yahoho, and built many of them in the city of Ophel.

27:4 and cities were built in the mountains of Judah, and barracks and high-rise buildings were built in the woods.

27:5 And Jotham fought against the king of the children of Ammon, and prevailed against them, and in that year they paid a tribute of a hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand cors of wheat, and ten thousand of cors of barley. The same is true for the second and third years .

27:6 Jotham walked right before the God of Yahvathah and grew stronger day by day.

27:7 Now the rest of Jotham's events and all his battles, and his deeds, are they not written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

27:8 He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem sixteen years.

27:9 Jotham slept with his fathers and was buried in the Acropolis. And Ahaz his son succeeded him as king.

A detailed summary of Chapter 27 of the Second Chronicles

"Jotham was twenty-five years old when he became king, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem, and his mother's name was Jerusha, the daughter of Zadok. And Jotham did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and did all that his father Uzziah had done, but he did not enter into the house of the LORD. and the people have done wicked things." (v.1-2) The description of these two verses is very common, normal, and consistent with the accounts of the whole Chronicles, as is the case at the beginning of each king.

And Jotham did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all the works of king Ucsiah his father. Six generations before Jotham, the house of Jehoshaphat's marriage to Ahab, the curse of Ahab's house of idolatry and forsaken God, and the violent sin of fratricidal killing entered the house of Judah. The dynastic history of the dynasties leading up to Jotham's reign was very dark, and the entire house of Judah was under the curse of the house of Ahab.

King Jothham's father, Uzah, received great help from God to bring the whole nation out of darkness and into prosperity. God gave him great help, Zechariah who knew the inspiration, and

blessed him with warriors and captains of armies. When Usah rushed into the temple to burn incense, he did not go to the bronze altar, which was accessible to the king and his people, but to the altar of incense in the sanctuary, where only the priests could go. The king of Ussia was so proud that he was dissatisfied with the authority and boundaries given to him by God, and insisted on burning incense at the altar of incense, but God only commanded the high priest to serve in the holy place, which the king could not do. This was the king's fall, and when he was angry, God immediately caused the king to leprosy (cf. 26:16-19).

At this time Jotham rose up to reign and faced six generations of curses in his family, and his obedience overcame all curses. He did what his father did, but he did not enter the house of the LORD. His father was unable to rule because he had leprosy in the temple, and King Jotham rose up to rule the kingdom. Jotham did what was right for his father, but he was not fleshy as his father, and he did not do as weak as his father. But he also had part of his father's weakness, "and the people did depraved things." (cf. v.2) For so many generations, Judah set up high places for the house of Ahab, and every king could not do anything about them, and the people continued to do these wicked things, and Jotham was powerless to do them. However, God did not pursue Jotham in this regard, because knowing how much Jotham was capable of, it would take a lot of effort to abolish the high places. God is a God of reason, and Jotam was incapable of doing this, and He accepted him and knew that Jotam was doing right.

2. Jotham's Succession of His Father's Strength (v.3-6)

"Jotham, the door of the house of the LORD, was built. and hath built many in the cities of Ophel, and cities in the hill country of Judah, and fortifications and towers in the woods." (v.3-4) He had military establishment and city building; The battle against the king of Ammon, who had betrayed them, also overcame them, and the Ammonites paid tribute to Jotham (cf. v.5). "Jotham walked in the right way before the LORD his God, and grew stronger day by day." (v.6) Blessed is he who comes stronger and stronger. He did not have the power to abolish the high places, but he built the temple and the city, and established the army, and went to fight and win as the other kings, and the enemy paid tribute to him.

"Jotham did that which was right in the sight of the LORD" (cf. v.2) "Jotham walked in the right way before the LORD his God, and grew stronger day by day." (v.6) He was blessed by God when he obeyed God and did what was right, believed in Jehovah, and listened to God's word and walked.

3. Jotan Ends His Life Beyond Kings (v.7-9)

The end of Jotham's previous kings was so unbearable that he could not sleep with his fathers and be buried in the king's tomb. The end of Jotham's life was beyond the norm: "Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all the wars, and all his deeds, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel and Judah." (v.7) Ezra wrote the history of King Jotham in recognition of him. "He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen

years in Jerusalem. And Jotham slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David. And Ahaz his son succeeded him as king." (v.8-9)

In the previous chapter, King Uzziah slept with his fathers and was buried in the graves of his fathers in the field of the king's tomb (cf. 26:23), not in the city of David, because he was leper. In chapter 25 we speak of King Amaziah: Since Amaziah forsook the Lord, he fled to Lachish when there were people in Jerusalem who rebelled against him. The rebels sent to Lachish and killed him. And they brought his body back with horses, and buried him in the sepulchres of his fathers in the capital of Judah." (25:27-28) In chapter 24 it is said that when the Syrians left Jehoash, he fell seriously ill. And the servants who rebelled against him were to avenge the blood of the eldest son of Jehoiach the priest, and to kill him in his bed, and to bury him in the city of David, but not in the tombs of kings." (24:25) The way these kings died and were buried abnormally, but over the generations they were like this, and the abnormality became normal, and each of them was in the sin of the house of Ahab.

Will Jotham, the seventh king, be freed from this curse? Obedience and blessing are detached. Each person is responsible for what he does, and the father's curse can come upon him, but he can overcome the curse by obedience and be blessed. "And Jotham slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David. And Ahaz his son succeeded him as king." (v.9) His way of death and burial were truly normal, and the preceding ones were abnormal.