2 Chronicles 26:5 NLT

Uzziah sought God during the days of <u>Zechariah</u>, who taught him to fear God. And as long as the king sought guidance from the Lord, <u>God gave him success</u>.

2 Chronicles 26:14-21 NIV

His fame spread far and wide, for he was greatly helped <u>until he became powerful.</u> But after Uzziah became powerful, his pride led to his downfall. He was unfaithful to the Lord his God, and entered the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense. Azariah the priest with eighty other courageous priests of the Lord followed him in. They confronted King Uzziah and said, "It is not right for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the Lord. That is for the priests, the descendants of Aaron, who have been consecrated to burn incense.

Leave the sanctuary, for you have been unfaithful; and you will not be honored by the Lord God." Uzziah, who had a censer in his hand ready to burn incense, became angry. While he was raging at the priests in their presence before the incense altar in the Lord's temple, leprosy broke out on his forehead. When Azariah the chief priest and all the other priests looked at him, they saw that he had leprosy on his forehead, so they hurried him out.

Indeed, he himself was eager to leave, because the Lord had afflicted him.

King Uzziah had leprosy until the day he died.

He lived in a separate house-leprous, and banned from the temple of the Lord.

Pride never stops coming after you!

Proverbs 11:2 NIV When pride comes, then comes disgrace...

3 warnings about pride:

Pride creeps up on you

1 Corinthians 16:13 NIV Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.

Pride rejects the warnings of others

Proverbs 13:20 NLT Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.

Pride whispers you're special

Galatians 6:3 ESV For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.