

Before the THRONE

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2 Chronicles 26:16-21

“But when Uzziah was strong, his heart was lifted upon to his destruction; for he transgressed against the LORD, his God, and went into the temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the altar of incense... And Azariah the priest along with eighty others withstood Uzziah... and said to him, “This does not pertain to you Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD, but this is our right and duty as priests... then Uzziah was angry... and leprosy rose up upon his forehead.” 2 Chronicles 26:16-21

The strength of pride is formidable. There is only One who can successfully resist it, and His resistance is with the word of God. “Be gone Satan, for it is written, “You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only shall you worship.” (Matthew 4:10) Arrogance leads us to believe the hidden whisperings of the heart that tell us we are superior to others. These hidden confidences of the heart left unrevealed by the light of the word of God may erupt into full blown pride that may ultimately cause our early failing. “Pride comes before a fall.” (Proverb 16:18).

Many, because of these hidden confidences of heart, intrude into the offices and anointings of others and find themselves facing spiritual forces they are ill equipped to resist, let alone defeat. To intrude into the pastor’s office because of pride will thrust burdens upon your life that may cause you an early death. To arrogantly assume that anyone can do these simple tasks is to assume wrongly – you had better make sure you have God’s mind before you, like a fool, “run in where angels fear to tread.” To gain entrance by any means or methods to ministry that has not been explicitly entrusted to you by the Spirit is to prove yourself a thief. “He that enters not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.” (John 10:1)

Lord, may I honor the gifts and callings of others and may I be satisfied with the gifts and ministries and vocation that You have entrusted to me!”