

Daily Devotional, September 1, 2020

“Not With A Loyal Heart”, (2 Chronicles 25:2, NKJV)

“And he did what was right in the sight of the LORD, but not with a loyal heart.” (2 Chronicles 25:2)

Amaziah is generally counted among the good kings of Judah in the period of history of Israel’s divided monarchy. But we read this commentary here that King Amaziah did a lot of right things, but his heart was not always quite right. God knew his half-heartedness and divided affections. Doing right things with wrong motives does not cut it. Many unbelievers do many good things, but for their own glory and not for the glory of God. But what a shame it is when believers act after the same manner!

It is one thing to examine others and take inventory of their motives behind their deeds, be they stated or unstated. It is quite another to “*test yourselves*” (2 Corinthians 13:5). Christian friend, first determine if your conduct is “*right in the sight of the LORD.*” If you pass that test, you do well. If not, you’ve got some serious work to do, which ought to start with a prayer of repentance. Second, for those whose works are aright, determine whether or not they are done “*with a loyal heart.*” If your good deeds are just for show, self-glorification, or you fail to make known your stand for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, there is a problem here. I would suppose that Amaziah never took this step often enough or far enough, because our text is written of him. Do not let it be written of you. Remember, a right thing done with a wrong heart is not pleasing to nor honorable before God. But a right thing done with a loyal heart is precious in His sight. It all comes down to why we do what we do.