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Series: Encouragement For The Soul

Today's Message: Run Well, Finish Well

2 Corinthians 5:9, 10 "... we make it our aim to please Him. For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ."

2 Timothy 4:7 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

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1. Uzziah—The Seductive _____ of Success

2 Chronicles 26:5, 8 "He set himself to seek God... and as long as he sought the Lord, God made him prosper... his fame spread... for he became very strong."

◆ **Uzziah**—"Jehovah is _____"

2 Chronicles 26:15, 16 "And his fame spread far, for he was marvelously helped, till he was strong. But when he was strong he grew proud, to his destruction. For he was unfaithful to the Lord his God..."

◆ "Seek" - (Heb.) to _____ under foot, to go somewhere enough—you beat a path to God.

◆ "Success is counted sweetest by those who never succeed." ~Dickinson

Two Questions:

* How much does your life _____ God?

* How much does your life bring joy to God?

Hebrews 12:1, 2 "... run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus."

2. Hezekiah—The Good, The Bad, The _____

2 Chronicles 30:18, 20 "For Hezekiah had prayed for them... And the Lord heard Hezekiah and healed the people."

2 Chronicles 30:22, 26 "And Hezekiah spoke encouragingly... So there was great joy in Jerusalem, for since the time of Solomon... there had been nothing like this..."

2 Chronicles 32:7, 8 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or dismayed... with him is an arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God... And the people took confidence from the words of Hezekiah..."

• Hezekiah had no easy life—yet he loved and sought after God, with a _____ and trust.

2 Kings 18:6, 7 "For he held fast to the Lord... And the Lord was with him... he prepared."

• On two occasions Hezekiah depended on _____ wisdom; leaning on Egypt against Assyria, and later on Babylon—Both times failure came.

• Proverbs 3:5, 6

2 Chronicles 32 “God left him to himself in order to test him and to know what was in his heart.”

1 John 3:20 “... God is greater than our heart, He knows everything.”

James 1:12 “Blessed are those who endure when they are tested. When they pass the test they will receive the crown of life that God promised to those who love Him.”