



Paper Kings

v. 10 'for he loved the soil.'



v. 15 'for he was greatly helped
until he became powerful.'

Uh-oh.





v. 16 'but...'

The issue of pride
enters the story.





It's just a little incense.

What could be wrong with that?



Lot's wife

Onan

Moses

Uzzah



V. 5 'He sought God during the days of Zechariah, who instructed him in the fear of God. As long as he sought the Lord, God gave him success.'



One's ability to receive
instruction and accept wise
counsel is a key to doing life well.




“The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice.”

Proverbs 12:15

“He who listens to a life-giving rebuke will be at home among the wise.”

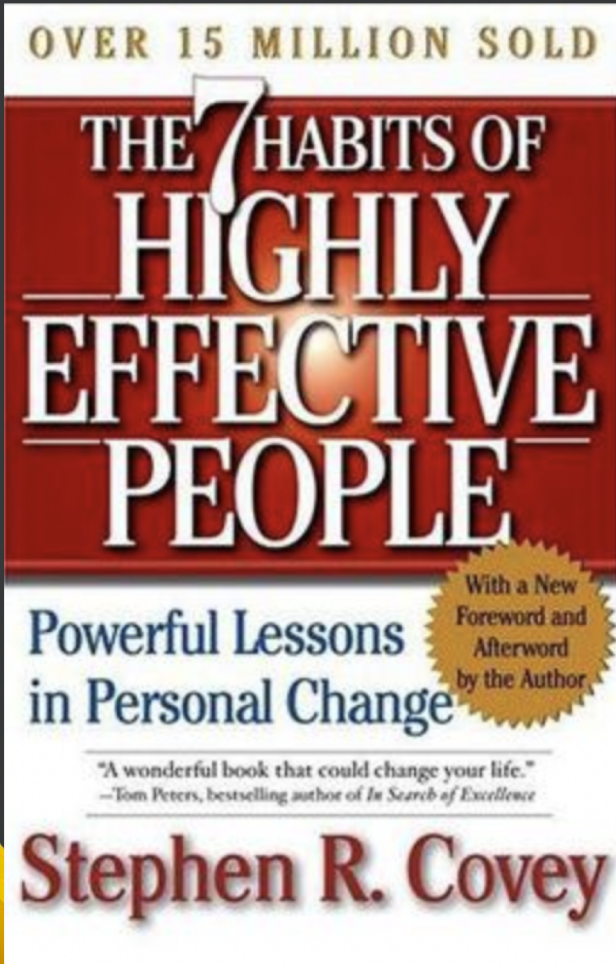
Proverbs

15:31

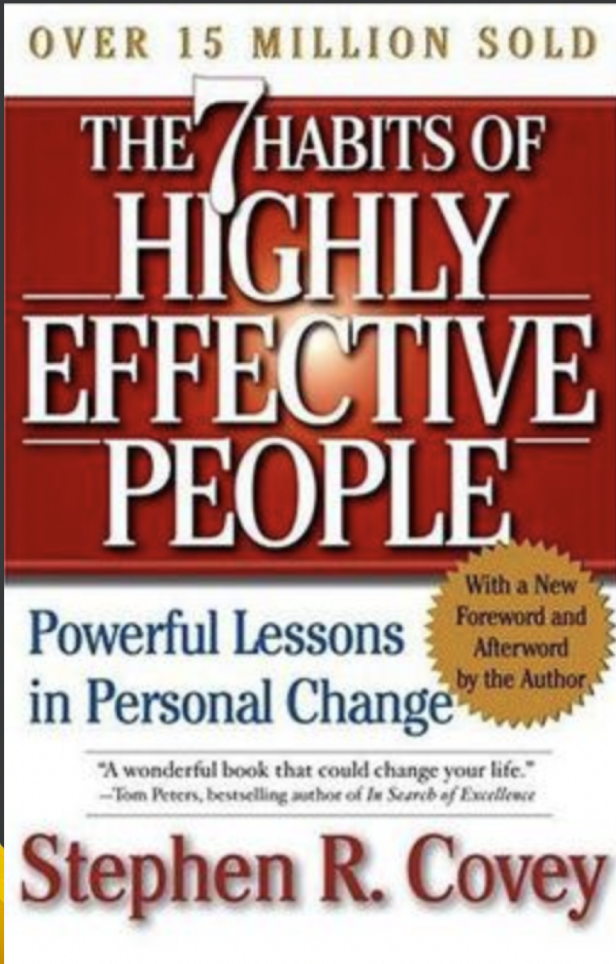
 “Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise.”

Proverbs

19:20



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“Let your aim be not speech, but attentive listening.” Covey

“Be quick to listen, slow to speak,
and slow to become angry”

(James 1:19).




Luke 5:16

“But Jesus often withdrew to
lonely places and prayed.”




1. Take advantage of the 'little solitudes' that fill each day.
2. Find or develop a 'quiet place' designed for solitude and silence in your home.
3. Find places outside the home designated specifically as 'quiet places' that may be visited regularly ie, a park or a chapel.



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4. Learning to control your speech patterns after the counsel of Proverbs which says, “a person of knowledge uses words with restraint” (Prov 17:27).
 5. Taking time to withdraw four times a year for three to four hours for the purpose of reorienting your life goals.
 6. Taking a retreat of two or three days once a year for no other purpose but solitude and silence.





“It is in deep solitude that I find the gentleness with which I can truly love my brothers (and sisters). Solitude and silence teach me to love my brothers (and sisters) for what they are, not for what they say.”

American Trappist monk Thomas Merton



1. What was your word for Uzziah?
2. What is one piece of advice you either have or haven't heeded?
3. When are you best able to listen to God?
4. How can you grow to listen better?

