

*Principles for a*  
**PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**  
**II Chronicles 27**

**The Bible teaches us the real prosperity involves  
a right relationship with God.**

**I. MAKE RIGHT DECISIONS (1-2)**

- What do we observe about Jotham?

**A. JOTHAM WAS ACTIVE**

- He did right!

**B. JOTHAM WAS WISE**

1. Like his forefathers
2. But better than his forefathers

**C. JOTHAM WAS REVERENT**

1. Right Limitations
2. Right Attitude

**D. JOTHAM WAS DIFFERENT**

1. The people were corrupt
2. Jotham was counter-cultural

**II. ESTABLISH RIGHT PRIORITIES (3-5)**

- What were Jotham's priorities?

**A. THE LORD: WORSHIP (3)**

1. Upper gate construction
2. Wall of Ophel work

**B. THE PEOPLE: WELFARE (4)**

- Seeking to provide protection to those who lived outside of the capital city of Jerusalem

**C. THE ENEMY: WARFARE (5)**

- He fought and defeated the Ammonites

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#### D. THE PROCESS: WISDOM

1. Note the nature of Jotham's domestic policy
  - He started close to home and then worked his way out
2. First things first .... God, people, property

### III. COMMIT TO RIGHT PREPARATION (6b)

- What did Jotham do?

#### A. JOTHAM'S FOCUS: He ordered his ways

1. Determination: He ordered his ways
2. Resolve: He set a straight path and stuck to it
3. Foundation: He literally made his ways firm

#### B. JOTHAM'S THOUGHTFULNESS: Before the Lord his God

1. Living in the sight of the Lord
2. Hiding nothing ... everything open to God's review and scrutiny

### IV. CONSIDER REAL PROSPERITY (6a)

- Jotham became mighty

#### A. A MATTER OF PATIENCE

- He became mighty: It did not happen all at once ... it took time

#### B. A MATTER OF PIETY

- His success was not based on wealth, works or wars ... He was mighty because he was godly

#### C. A MATTER OF POSITION

1. Jotham became mighty because he did things God's way
2. Real prosperity comes from a right relationship with God!

#### D. A MATTER OF PERSPECTIVE (8-9)

1. Jotham died at the age of 41!
  - Piety does not guarantee longevity
2. He would have expected and planned for more time
  - We must always be ready to leave

### CONCLUSION:

***Being right with God may not make us popular with people.***

***- Who remembers Jotham?***

**But being righteous will make us prosperous with God.**

**- And isn't that what really matters?**

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