

Uzzah: When Best Intentions Get Touchy...

- 2 Sam. 6:1-8
- When God gives a pattern, He expects man to follow that pattern
 - God's instructions for transporting ark – Ex. 25:12-15; Num. 4:1-6, 15
 - Ark had been held by Philistines (1 Sam. 5) and returned to Kirjath Jearim (1 Sam. 6:21-7:1); perhaps gone so long, people forgot or didn't know about rules
 - Despite using the best (new cart) technology, it wasn't acceptable
 - 3 months later, David had learned – 1 Chr. 15:2, 12-13
 - Machiavelli – End justifies the means...
 - Premise true in religion today: God not pleased with church league softball, social entertainment, etc. that doesn't follow His pattern – Is. 1:10-13
 - We will be judged by Scriptures; all things done according to pattern – Heb. 8:5
- Sins committed with good intentions or ignorance are still punishable by God
 - Uzzah had great intentions—save the ark from being destroyed!
 - Still violated God's law and was punished per Num. 4:15
 - Rom. 10:1-3 – must seek His truth/knowledge
- Failure to follow God's pattern is irreverent
 - Always need to see what God's pattern is if we don't know it
 - How/when to worship
 - Rules about marriage, sexuality, conduct with neighbors, etc.
 - Anything done in name of Christ or His church...
- Counsel of great men doesn't = authority from God
 - David consulted leaders and elders of the people – 1 Chr. 13:1-4
 - Advice of elders, popes, conventions, etc. doesn't substitute or replace God's word
 - God pleased when we follow His pattern – 1 Chr. 16:1-2