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This morning's message is part of our ongoing study of  
the Kings of Judah; and is taken from  
2 Chronicles 24:1-27

## UNHEALTHY DEPENDENCIES

The influence that godly mentors bring into our lives is a precious gift of God. But they aren't given so that we will depend on them, but learn from them to depend on the God that they themselves trust (see 2 Timothy 4:6-8 with 3:14-15; and 2 Peter 1:4-11 with 12-15).

God gave King Joash a godly mentor in the person of the old priest Jehoiada (see 2 Chronicles 24:1-3; 15-16). But when Jehoiada died, and his personal influence on Joash came to an end, the young king's zeal for the Lord also died (see verses 17-18). The great lesson of Joash's life is that we must not let an unhealthy dependency on others rob us of a faithful walk with God for ourselves.



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