



¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. (Eph. 4:11-16)

"There Are Consequences"

2 Kings 15:8-31

Devotional Idea: There are consequences that will come into the life of an individual who treats God with contempt and disdain, but grace awaits those who humbly repent and turn in faith to Jesus Christ.

I. God & Man: *The Nature of the Relationship.*

A. Who is really in charge?

B. Does it really matter how I relate to God?

II. Learning from Israel's Decision to Rebel.

A. The downward trajectory of continued indifference.

B. The era of murder and mayhem.

III. How Do You Respond to God?

What is God Saying to Me? (Personal Application)