

# Isaiah 39:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Hezekiah was glad of them, and shewed them the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.

## Analysis

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The statement "Hezekiah was glad of them" shows his pleasure at Babylonian attention. The comprehensive display "shewed them the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures" reveals prideful ostentation. The phrase "there was nothing...that Hezekiah shewed them not" emphasizes complete disclosure. This foolish pride in displaying national wealth contrasts sharply with Hezekiah's earlier humility. The lapse demonstrates how even faithful believers can stumble into pride after victories.

## Historical Context

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Babylon sent envoys ostensibly to congratulate Hezekiah's recovery, but likely for intelligence gathering. Showing potential enemies all resources was strategically foolish.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does pride after spiritual victory make us vulnerable to foolish decisions?
2. What motivates the desire to impress others with our accomplishments or possessions?
3. How can we maintain humility after experiencing God's dramatic deliverance?

## Interlinear Text

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וְשִׂמְחָה	עֲלֵיהֶם	חֲזַקְיָהוּ	הֵרָאָם	אֶת	בְּבֵית וְ
was glad	H5921	And Hezekiah	of them and shewed	H853	and all the house
H8055		H2396	H7200		H1004
נִכְתָּה	אֶת	הַכֶּסֶף	וְאֶת	הַזָּהָב	וְאֶת
of his precious things	H853	the silver	H853	and the gold	H853
H5238		H3701		H2091	H1314
וְאֵת	הַשֶּׁמֶן	וְהַטֹּב	אֶת	כָּל	בְּבֵית וְ
H853	ointment	and the precious	H853	H3605	and all the house
	H8081	H2896			H1004
וְאֵת	כָּל	אֲשֶׁר	נִמְצָא	בְּאֶצְרֹתָיו	לֹא
H853	H3605	H834	and all that was found	in his treasures	H3808
			H4672	H214	H1961
וְכֵן	אֶת	לֹא	הֵרָאָם	חֲזַקְיָהוּ	
there was nothing	H834	H3808	of them and shewed	And Hezekiah	
H1697			H7200	H2396	
בְּבֵית וְ	וּבְכָל	מִמְשַׁלְתּוֹ:			
and all the house	H3605	nor in all his dominion			
H1004		H4475			

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Chronicles 32:25** (Parallel theme): But Hezekiah rendered not again according to the benefit done unto him; for his heart was lifted up: therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem.

**2 Chronicles 32:31** (Parallel theme): Howbeit in the business of the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him to enquire of the wonder that was done in the land, God left him, to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart.

**Job 31:25** (Parallel theme): If I rejoiced because my wealth was great, and because mine hand had gotten much;

**Jeremiah 17:9** (Parallel theme): The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

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