

**DON'T LOSE
YOUR HEART**

2 CHRONICLES 16:9

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A. God sees what we are going through

Psalm 14:2

The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God.

B. God wants to get involved in our lives

C. God will not work in the lives of those who do not want His help

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History of King Asa



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D. King Asa's ascension to power and early reign

2 Chronicles 14:1-4

1 So Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead. In his days the land was quiet ten years.

2 And Asa did that which was good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God:

3 For he took away the altars of the strange gods, and the high places, and brake down the images, and cut down the groves:

4 And commanded Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment.

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**E. King Asa's encouragement from the prophet Azariah
2 Chronicles 15:7-9**

7 Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded.

8 And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of the LORD, that was before the porch of the LORD.

9 And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the LORD his God was with him.

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F. King Asa realized the peace of God

2 Chronicles 15:17

**But the high places were not taken away out of Israel:
nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days.**

2 Chronicles 15:19

**And there was no more war unto the five and thirtieth
year of the reign of Asa.**

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G. King Asa had a problem

2 Chronicles 16:1

In the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah, to the intent that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.



I. Why Did Asa Not Use God's Help?

A. He made a worldly agreement

1. With the enemy

2 Chronicles 16:2-3

2 Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of the LORD and of the king's house, and sent to Benhadad king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,

3 There is a league between me and thee, as there was between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent thee silver and gold; go, break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.

I. Why Did Asa Not Use God's Help?

A. He made a worldly agreement

2. He ignored the consequence of his action

James 4:4

Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

I. Why Did Asa Not Use God's Help?

B. He Let Money Get In The Way

1 Kings 15:18

Then Asa took all the silver and the gold that were left in the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants: and king Asa sent them to Benhadad, the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,

Matthew 6:24

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

I. Why Did Asa Not Use God's Help?

C. He Was Content With A Counterfeit Result

2 Chronicles 16:4-6

4 And Benhadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abelmaim, and all the store cities of Naphtali.

5 And it came to pass, when Baasha heard it, that he left off building of Ramah, and let his work cease.

6 Then Asa the king took all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha was building; and he built therewith Geba and Mizpah.

II. The Results Of Not Using God's Help

A. He missed a big opportunity

2 Chronicles 16:7

And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the LORD thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand.

II. The Results Of Not Using God's Help

B. He forgets God's past deliverance

2 Chronicles 16:8

Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, he delivered them into thine hand.

II. The Results Of Not Using God's Help

C. His life will now have conflict

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II. The Results Of Not Using God's Help

D. He rejects and represses the message from God

2 Chronicles 16:10

Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in a prison house; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing. And Asa oppressed some of the people the same time.

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A CHANGE IN
HEART?