

The Mistakes Of King Asa

1 Kings 15 and 2 Chronicles 14-16

History of King Asa

Asa's good beginning. 1 Kings 15:14-15

- He did what was right (v. 11).
- He did away with the evil among his people (v.12).
- He did not allow family interference from doing the right thing (v. 13).
- He not only got rid of the evil, but also restored the good (vv. 14-15)

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Asa's Mistakes.

- He trusted in political alliances rather than in God. (2 Chron. 16:7-9)
- He did not receive well the rebuke of God. (2 Chron. 16:10; cf. Acts 7:51-60; 2 Tim. 4:3-4).
- Even down with an illness from God, Asa did not turn to God for help for recovery. (2 Chron. 16:11-14).

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Some Trust Alliances Rather Than God.

- Friendships. 1 Cor. 15:33; Gal. 1:6-8
- Family. Mt. 10:34-39
- Doctrinal error. 2 John 9
- Popularity. Gal. 1:10; 2 Tim. 4:14-16

Some Refuse Rebuke:

- Deny the existence of sin.
- Deny personal guilt. 1 Sam. 15:13,15
- Transfer responsibility for sin. Ezek. 18:20; Gen. 3
- Cover up sin. 2 Sam. 11
- Harm those who expose sin. Mt. 14; Mk. 6; cf. Gal. 4:16

Some Refuse God Even In Times Of Adversity:

- Sin is the greatest problem man has. Rom. 6:23.
- Convenience. Acts 24
- "I will not" mentality. Jer. 6:16; Amos 4:6-13

Lessons To Be Learned:

- Application: Lesson On Doing Good.
 - Removing immorality and idolatry from our lives. Col. 3:5
 - Exposing evil and sinful practices. Eph. 5:11
 - Restoring the integrity of the church. 1 Tim. 3:15
 - God not only works in the lives of individuals, but also in the lives of kings and countries. 2 Chron. 16:9; cf. 1 Tim. 2:1-3

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Conclusion... Lessons To Be Learned:

- We need to get the evil out of our lives. (Eph. 4:22; Col.3:9)
- We need to put the right back in our lives. (Mt. 12:43-45)
- We must trust in God in all our ways. (Prov. 3:5)
- We must seek the Lord all our lives. (Mt. 6:33; cf. 1 Cor. 15:58; cf. Rev. 2:10)
- We need God at all times. (Jms. 5:16ff)

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