



## “RETURNING TO THE WAYS OF THE LORD”

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II Chronicles 17:1-6

The Bible says that God walked with Jehoshaphat because “he followed the example of his father David.”

Jehoshaphat sought God and followed His commandments. God established the kingdom in his control. The king “took great pride in the ways of the Lord.” (v.6) In many churches, Pastors, Leaders, and Christians, God is no longer walking with them because they no longer take pride in the ways of the Lord. All you have in those churches and people are religion and spiritual death. They have embraced the spirit of the world. (seeking the Baals v.3) These pastors and leaders are in love with the ministry and titles, buildings, position, and vans. Jehoshaphat’s father was king Asa and the Word says, “His disease was severe, yet

even in his disease **HE DID NOT SEEK THE LORD**, but the physicians.” II Chron. 16:12. King Asa was not walking with God anymore. What were the characteristics of king Jehoshaphat?

### **JEHOSHAPHAT WALKED IN THE WAYS OF GOD**

God walked with Jehoshaphat because “**he walked in the ways of the Lord.**” Are you walking in the ways of the Lord? Jehoshaphat followed the example of his father David’s earlier days and did not seek the Baals. (v.3) We need to return to the “**earlier days**” of King David, God is calling us to walk with Him, practicing the Word and living holy!)

Put our focus back on Jesus, because we are living the last days. Do not love the world or the things of the world.

## JEHOSHAPHAT WALKED IN OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S WORD



II Chron. 17:3-4 says, **“The Lord was with Jehoshaphat because he followed the example of his father David’s earlier days and did not seek the Baals, but sought the God of his father, followed His commandments, and did not act as Israel did.”** When you are in love with Jesus you will obey what God commands you. Jehoshaphat walked with God and he obeyed Him and the Lord established his kingdom. (v.5) The king did not sidetrack from the vision God gave him. We cannot sidetrack from the vision that God gave you or your church. Go and preach the gospel to all the drug addicts, alcoholics, lost and poor. Go and make disciples of those converts. Plant Christian Rehab Homes and Churches all over the world. Deut. 7:9-13 says, “God is a faithful God and His desire is for us to obey His commandments. Jesus said, “If you love Me, obey My commandments.” John 14:15

## JEHOSHAPHAT WAS A PRAYING MAN

He was a king that had a praying heart and a spirit of intercession. When you become a prayer warrior you will have the heart of God. The king would pray before he would go to battle and he would seek the counsel of the prophets of God. A praying man will have a heart after God. II Chron. 18:3-7 (Read). Jehoshaphat understood headship and he submitted to **GOD’S PROPHETS!** Not false prophets. The Bible says that Ahab listened to false prophets. Jehoshaphat listened to the bad advised of king Ahab and went to battle with him. He was almost killed and the king humbled himself before God and admitted his mistake and God delivered him. II Chron. 18:28-33 (Read)

## JEHOSEPHAT WAS A LEADER THAT INSPIRED FAITH

The Bible says that an army greater than his came up against him. Jehoshaphat turns to prayer and fasting and imparts his faith throughout all Judah. II Chron. 20:1-4, 20-23 (Read) He started a prayer and fast revival throughout the land. The Holy Spirit in his heart inspired through him that faith of trusting God for the victory in that battle. Through his prayer and fasting God gave him the battle plans. II Chron. 20:14-17 (Read) Total dependence in God. The enemy of Jehoshaphat was destroyed by the power of God. II Chron. 20:24-25 (Read)

## JEHOSHAPHAT UNDERSTOOD THE PLANS OF GOD



What are the plans of God for your life or ministry? Go and preach the gospel. Go and make disciples. If God has called you to full time ministry then respond with obedience and be train for the ministry He has for you. Win souls and disciple them! Matt. 28:19 (Read)

II Chron. 17:7 - “Then in the third year of his reign **HE SENT** his officials... to teach in the cities of Judah.” **Respond to your calling.** The Bible reveals that the Word of the Lord was taught throughout the land. **“They taught throughout Judah, taking with them the Book of the Law of the LORD; they went around to all the towns of Judah and taught the people.** II Chron. 17:9

We are also to train and send out godly couples to establish Churches and Christian Rehab Homes in other cities. Jehoshaphat continued to disciple and to raise a great army for God’s glory. These leaders were men who pray, worship, adore and love God. “Now the dread of the Lord was on all kingdoms of the lands which were around Judah, so that they did not make war against Jehoshaphat.” II Chron. 17:10

## CONCLUSION

Do you have the characteristics of king Jehoshaphat? Are you walking in the ways of God? Are walking in obedience to His commandments? Are you a praying man, a leader that imparts faith, a leader that understands God’s plan and vision. If we embrace king Jehoshaphat’s characteristics we will have success in ministry and have a Victorious Christian walk.