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Lesson 3: When Christians Compromise With the World King Jehoshaphat

*Compromise with the world brings disastrous
consequences to God's people.*

Four Observations From The Story Of Jehoshaphat:

**1. COMPROMISE WITH THE WORLD IS A DANGER FOR EVEN THE MOST
GODLY OF BELIEVERS.**

**2. COMPROMISE WITH THE WORLD IS A DANGER BECAUSE OF ITS
SUBTLETY.**

3. COMPROMISE WITH THE WORLD SUCKS YOU IN THROUGH WRONG RELATIONSHIPS.

Jehoshaphat's experience reveals several areas where we as believers must be on guard against forming wrong relationships:

- ⇒ **Wrong *marriage* relationships**--The Bible is clear that it is sin for a believer to enter a marriage with an unbeliever. (2 Cor. 6:14; see 1 Cor. 7:39).

- ⇒ **Wrong *social* relationships**--In this area you must be very careful. (1 Cor. 15:33)

- ⇒ **Wrong *spiritual* relationships**--Jehoshaphat finds himself lined up with 400 false prophets against the lone prophet of God.

- ⇒ **Wrong *political* relationships**--Although our political system is not parallel to the situation in the text, there is a warning here for us as Christian citizens.

- ⇒ **Wrong *business* relationships**--Jehoshaphat didn't learn his lesson with Ahab and so he entered into a shipbuilding venture with Ahab's son Ahaziah.

4. Compromise with the world brings disastrous results.

Discussion Questions

1. What is "worldliness"? Is it mainly outward or inward?
 2. How can you maintain the goal of evangelism without becoming either wrongly entangled or manipulative in your relationships with unbelievers?
 3. How can you know where to draw lines of separation from professing Christians?
 4. Should we ever set aside truth for the sake of unity?
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