



## 2 CHRONICLES 14-16

### Lesson 2: The Danger of Forsaking the Lord King Asa

*If we seek the Lord He will strongly support us,  
but if we forsake Him we come under His discipline.*

#### **1. If we seek the Lord He will strongly support us.**

“Seeking the Lord” is a major theme literally means to trample under foot.

##### **A. Seeking the Lord means . . .**

*(1) Obedience to God’s word. (2 Chron. 14:4; 15:3, 4).*

*James 1:22*

##### **Seeking the Lord means . . .**

*(2) Separation from known evil (2 Chron 14:5; 15:8, 16-17).*

##### **Seeking the Lord means . . .**

*(3) Fortifying our lives against spiritual danger (2 Chron 14:6-8).*

*Proverbs 24:10; Prov. 1:24-33*

##### **Seeking the Lord means . . .**

*(4) Trusting in the Lord, not methods.*

##### **Seeking the Lord means . . .**

*(5) Committing ourselves to worship the Lord (2 Chron 15:8b-15, 18).*

**B. He will strongly support us. (14:1, 5, 6, 7, 12-15; 15:4, 7, 15; 16:9.)**

*God's strong support means...*

*(1) God's strong support means rest.*

*(2) God's strong support means routing of the enemy.*

*(3) God's strong support means the reward of finding the Lord (15:2,7,15).*

*(4) God's strong support means rejoicing (15:15).*

**2. If we forsake the Lord, we come under His discipline.**

**A. Forsaking the Lord means ...**

*(1) Trusting in our schemes rather than in the Lord*

*(2) Using what works without regard to whether it is biblical.*

*(3) Rejecting God's means of correction (16:7-10).*

**B. When we forsake the Lord we come under His discipline.**

*(1) God's discipline involves verbal correction (16:7-9).*

*(2) God's discipline sometimes involves problems to cause us to turn to Him (16:9b, "wars").*

*(3) God's discipline sometimes involves illness (16:12).*

*(4) God's discipline sometimes involves death (16:13).*

**Discussion Questions**

1. What are some ways American Christianity mixes worldly ideas with God's ways?
  2. How do we find the proper balance between trusting the Lord and using proper methods?
  3. Why is pragmatism (using what works) not valid? What if the end result is good (helping people, etc.)?
  4. Some say that "trust God" is simplistic, impractical advice. Agree/disagree?
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