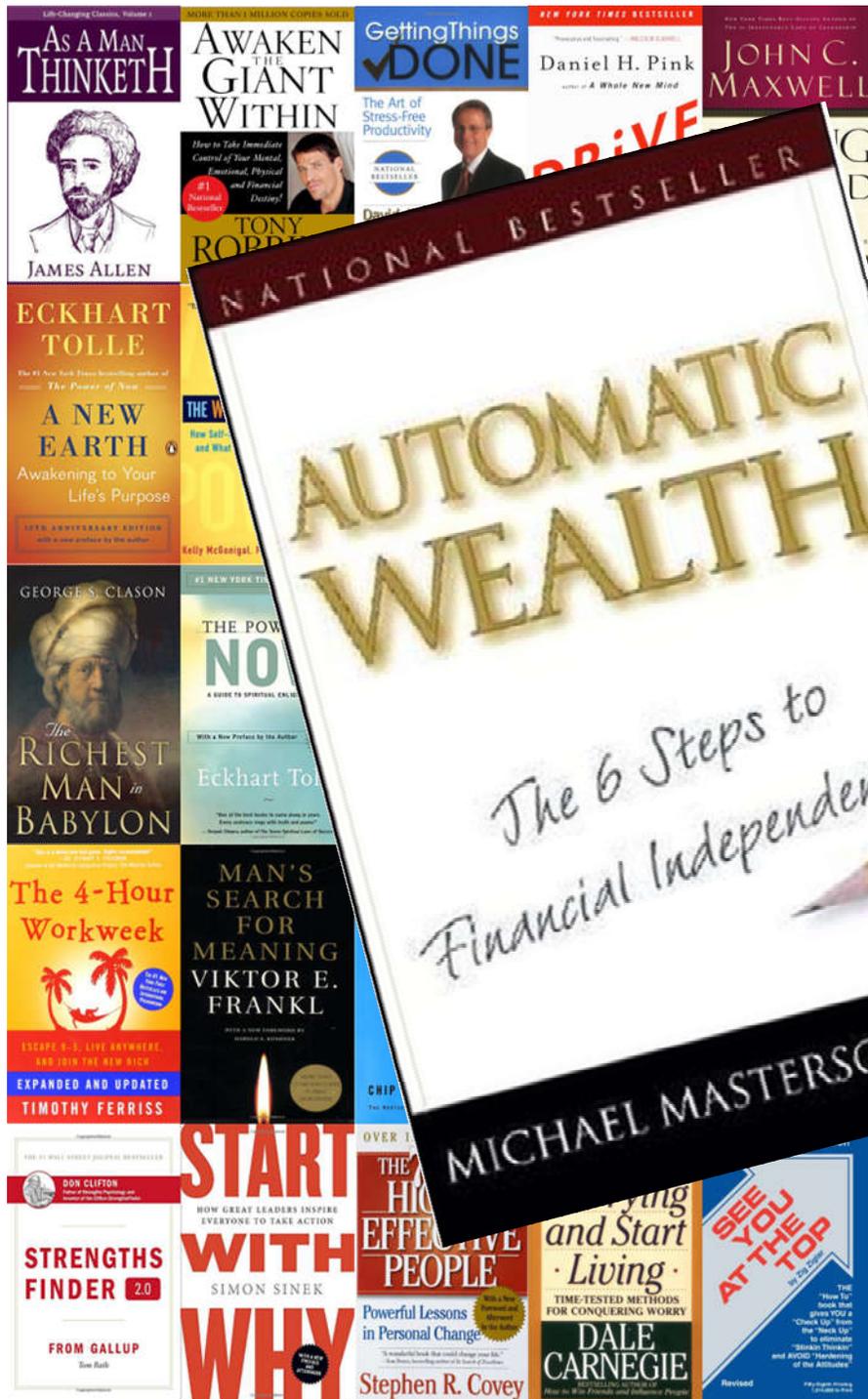


The Reigns of King Asa & Jehoshaphat

2 Chronicles 14-20





1. Face the hard facts
2. Plan to be rich
3. Wealthy habits
4. Increase income radically
5. Get rich automatically
6. Retire

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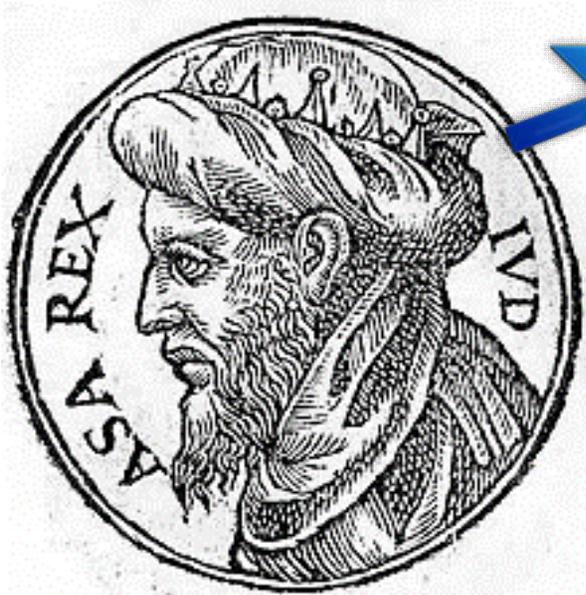




The Reign of King Asa

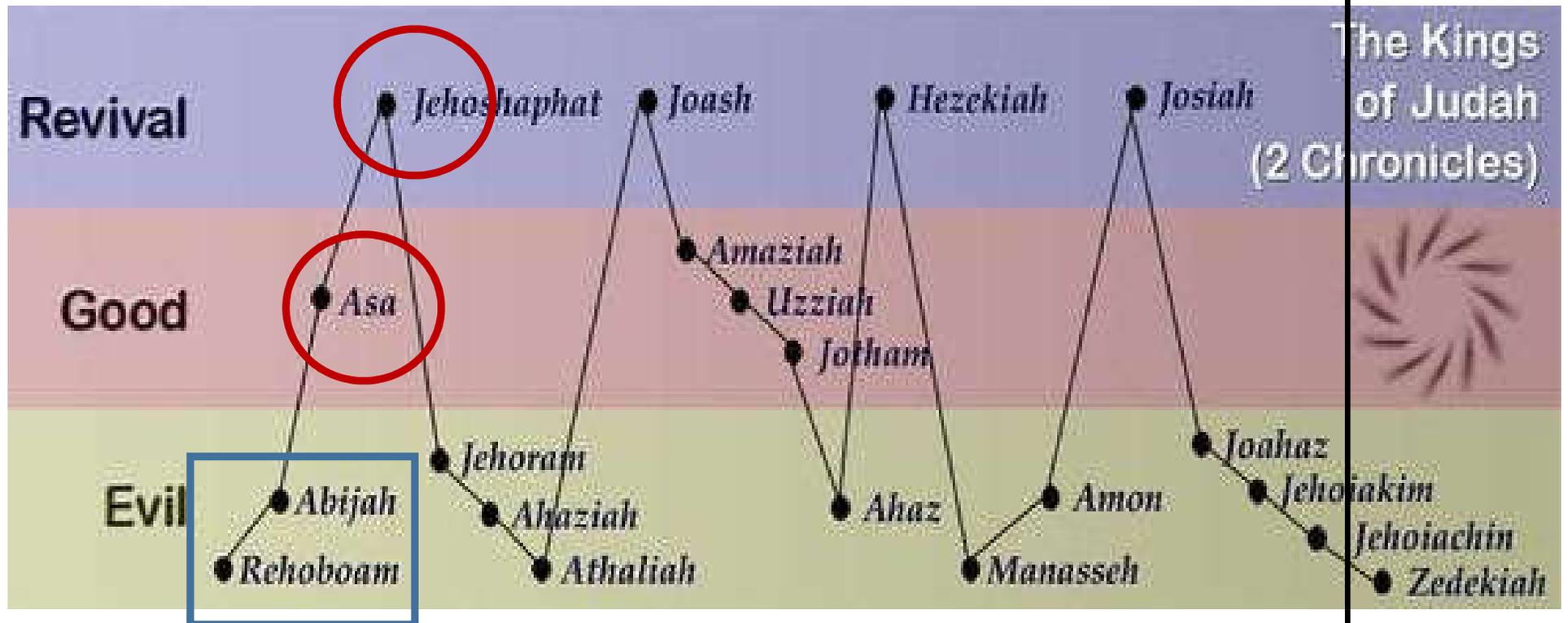
2 Chronicles 14-16

7 Qualities of a God-fearing man King Asa



1. Light in the midst of darkness (c14)
2. Responding to God's Word with zeal
3. Beginning well, Continuing well, Ending well

Was King Abijah a good or evil king? The 2 Chron 13 account sees him fighting against King Jeroboam and declaring God has anointed Judah as the chosen lineage of David. And even though they were outnumbered 2x (400k vs 800k men) and Jeroboam had a sneak attack yet God aided Abijah. Yet in 1 Kings 15 it is said that he committed all the sins his father had done before him; his heart was not fully devoted to the LORD his God.



What King Rehoboam (his grandfather did)

- abandoned the law of the Lord
- unfaithful to the Lord
- He did evil because he had not set his heart on seeking the Lord.

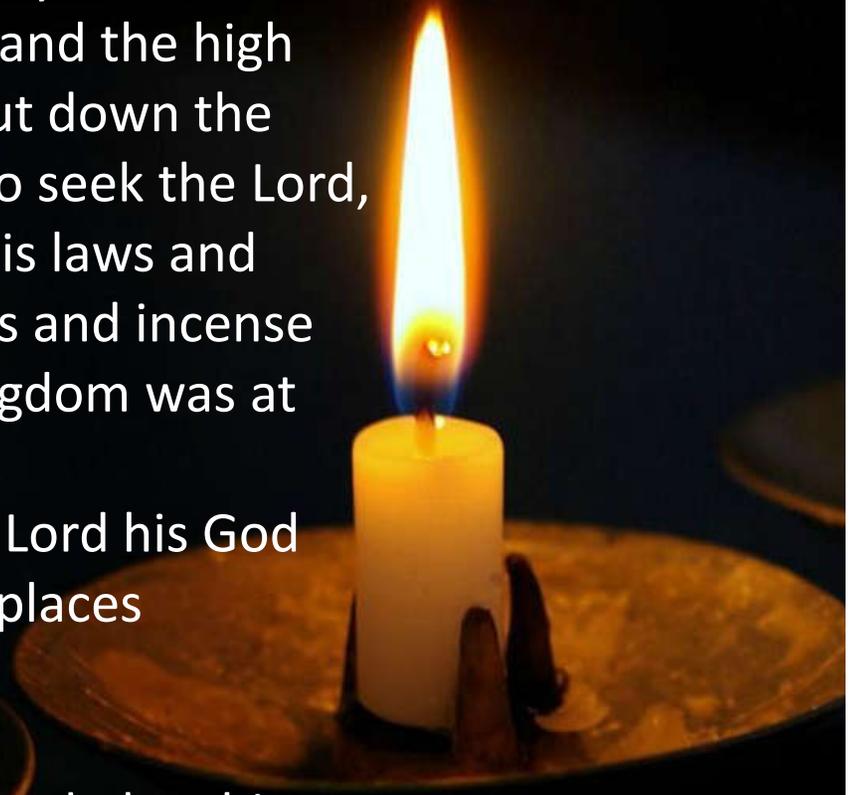
King Asa's light could be seen (it was "different")

(2 Chronicles 14:2-3)

2 Asa did what was good and right in the eyes of the Lord his God. 3 He removed the foreign altars and the high places, smashed the sacred stones and cut down the Asherah poles. 4 He commanded Judah to seek the Lord, the God of their ancestors, and to obey his laws and commands. 5 He removed the high places and incense altars in every town in Judah, and the kingdom was at peace under him.

What is good and right in the eyes of the Lord his God

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4. Commanded Judah to seek the Lord and obey his laws and commands
5. In every town in Judah



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(2 Chronicles 14:8-15)

tells us that even in the midst of trouble Asa would call upon and turn to God. He had 300k + 80k (Benjamin) and Zerah the Cushite marched against them (thousands upon thousands = 1mil)



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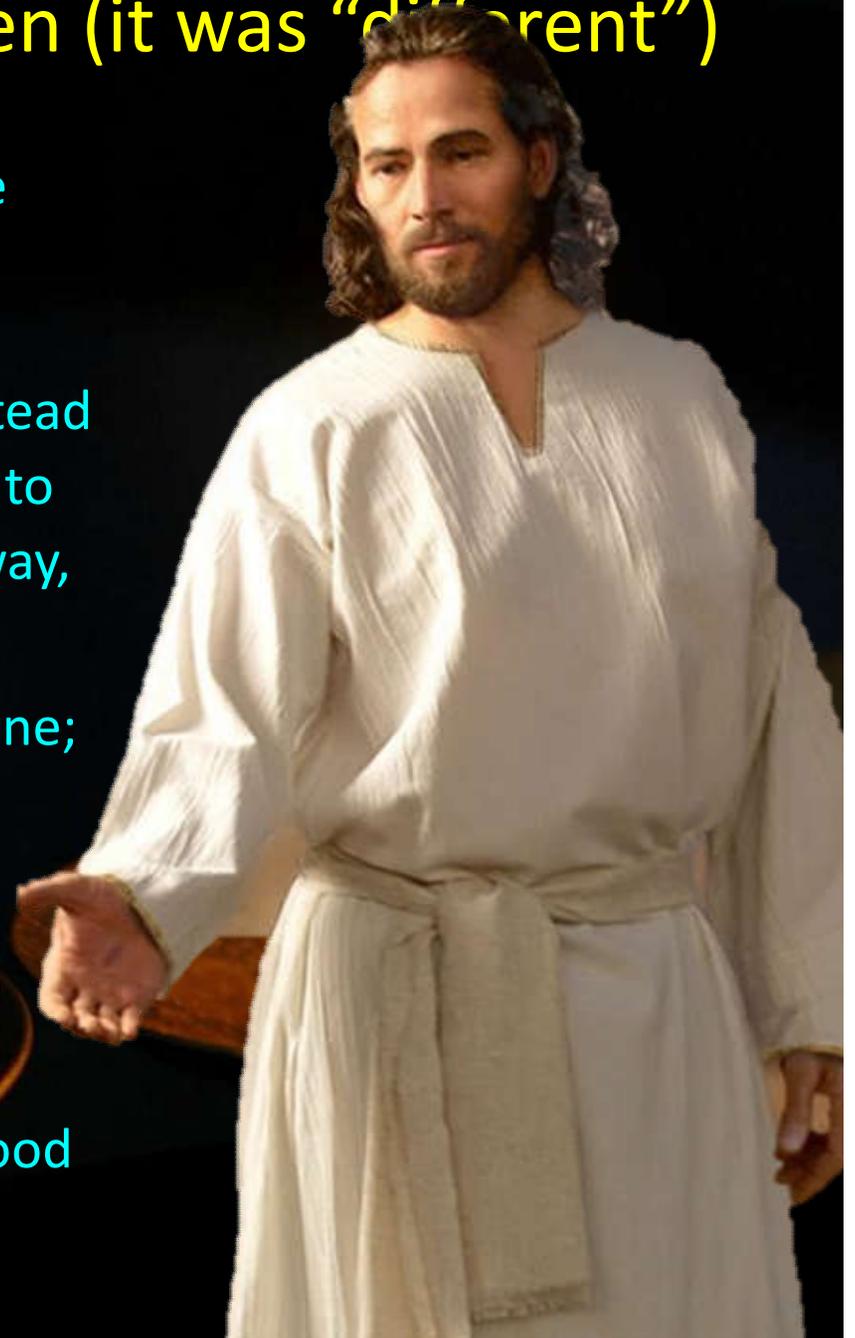
Jesus says in Matthew 5: 14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light

[G5457 phos (as in phosphorous) - to shine; to make manifest; luminousness; fire]

shine ...

[G2989 lampo (as in lamp) – to beam; to radiate]

before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.



King Asa's light could be seen (it was "different")

1. It was light in the midst of darkness
2. Even if there are no good examples, you be the light
3. The potential (light) put into action (shine)



7 Qualities of a God-fearing man King Asa



1. Light in the midst of darkness
- 2. Responding to God's Word with zeal (c15)**
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In 2 Chronicles 15,

“The Spirit of God came on Azariah son of Oded. 2 He went out to meet Asa and said to him, “Listen to me, Asa and all Judah and Benjamin. The Lord is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you. 3 For a long time Israel was without the true God, without a priest to teach and without the law. 4 But in their distress they turned to the Lord, the God of Israel, and sought him, and he was found by them. 5 In those days it was not safe to travel about, for all the inhabitants of the lands were in great turmoil. 6 One nation was being crushed by another and one city by another, because God was troubling them with every kind of distress. 7 But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded.”

How do we respond to God’s Word?

How do we respond to God's Word? The right way is to respond with zeal.

1. He removed the detestable idols from the whole land of Judah and Benjamin and from the towns he had captured in the hills of Ephraim. He repaired the altar of the Lord that was in front of the portico of the Lord's temple.
2. He assembled all Judah and Benjamin and the people from Ephraim, Manasseh and Simeon who had settled among them. they sacrificed to the Lord seven hundred head of cattle and seven thousand sheep and goats from the plunder they had brought back. 12 They entered into a covenant to seek the Lord, the God of their ancestors, with all their heart and soul.
3. King Asa also deposed his grandmother Maakah from her position as queen mother, because she had made a repulsive image for the worship of Asherah.
4. V17. Asa's heart was fully committed to the Lord all his life.



A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Through energy efficiency and diversification, collaborations and advocacy, FedEx is helping to create a more sustainable world and business for the future.

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Romans 12:11 – zeal (*G4710 spou-de* – speed, despatch, eagerness, haste, to give all diligence).

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Zeal ... at all ages



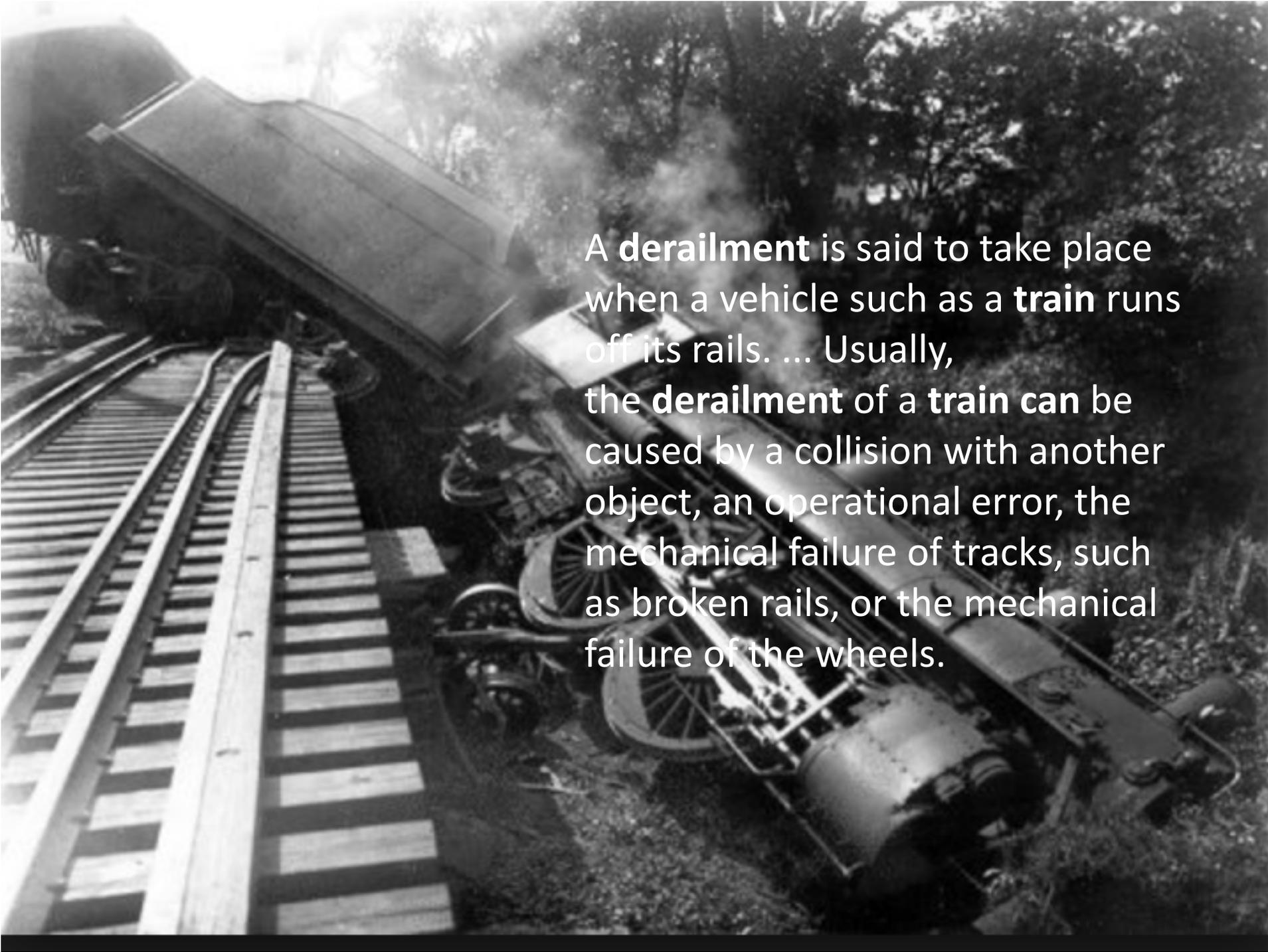
7 Qualities of a God-fearing man King Asa



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3. **Beginning well, Continuing well, Ending well (c16)**

- Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah and fortified Ramah (v.1)
- Asa then took the silver and gold out of the treasuries of the Lord's temple and of his own palace and sent it to Ben-Hadad king of Aram (v.2-6)
- Hanani the seer rebuked king Asa for forgetting the Lord and not relying on it and proclaimed a judgement (v.7-9)
- King Asa went angry. He was later inflicted with disease in his feet - but did not seek help from God until his death. (v.10-14)





A **derailment** is said to take place when a vehicle such as a **train** runs off its rails. ... Usually, the **derailment** of a **train** can be caused by a collision with another object, an operational error, the mechanical failure of tracks, such as broken rails, or the mechanical failure of the wheels.

**I HAVE FOUGHT THE
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THE FAITH.**

2 TIMOTHY 4:7

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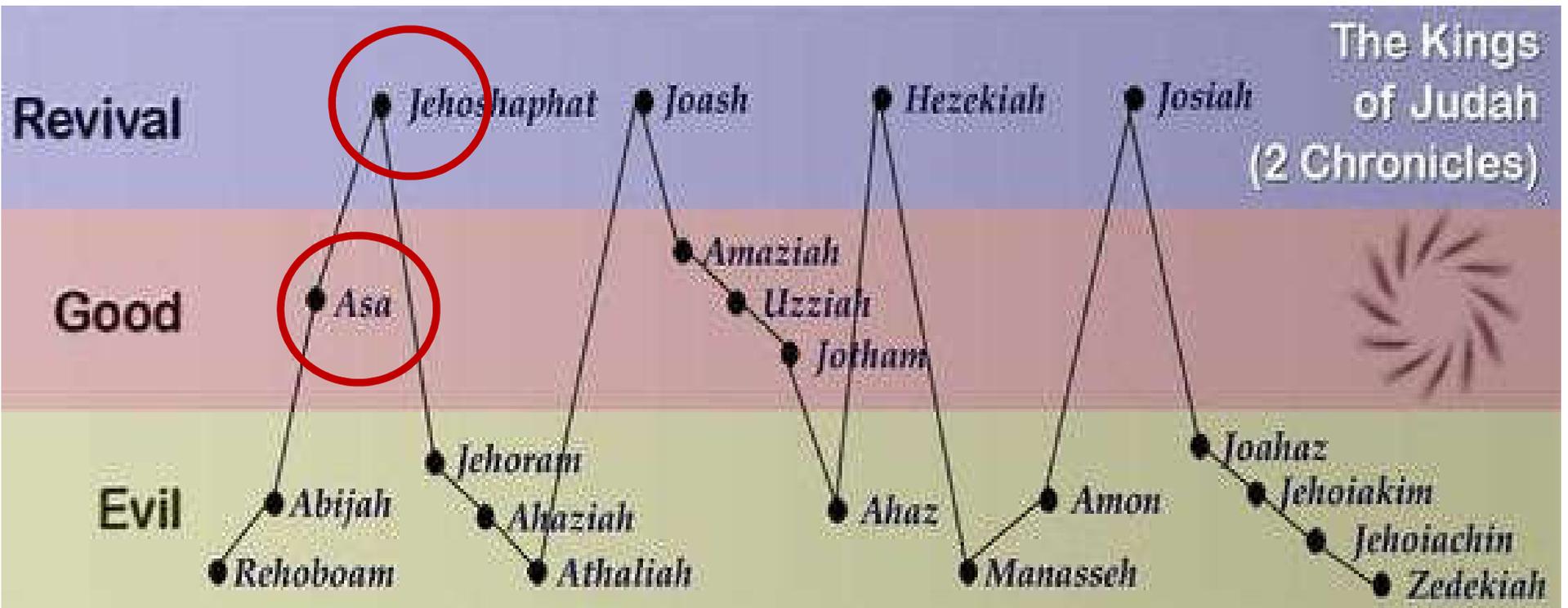


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The Reign of King Jehoshaphat

2 Chronicles 17-20



7 Qualities of a God-fearing man King Jehoshaphat



4. He walked & taught the ways of God (c17)
5. A grievous mistake, a faithful heart, a delivering God
6. Taking Christian duty seriously and responsibly
7. Confidence in God in times of crisis

A heart devoted to the ways of God (17:6)

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What kind of mindset do you have?



I can learn anything I want to.
When I'm frustrated, I persevere.
I want to challenge myself.
When I fail, I learn.
Tell me I try hard.
If you succeed, I'm inspired.
My effort and attitude determine everything.



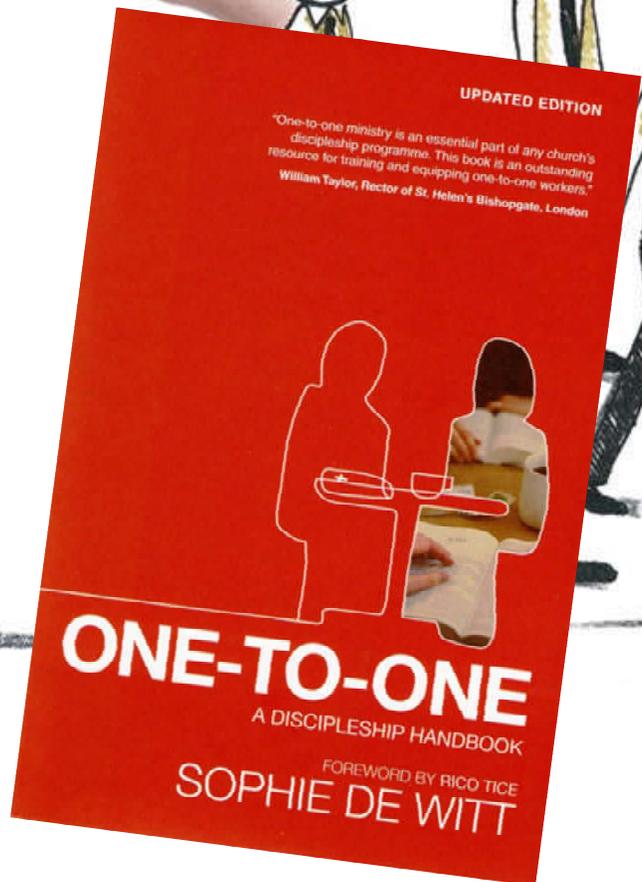
I'm either good at it, or I'm not.
When I'm frustrated, I give up.
I don't like to be challenged.
When I fail, I'm no good.
Tell me I'm smart.
If you succeed, I feel threatened.
My abilities determine everything.

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1 Corinthians 11:1 - Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ

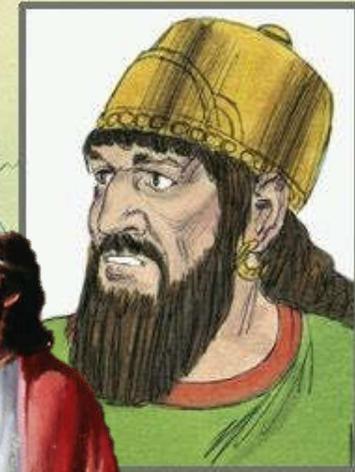


7 Qualities of a God-fearing man King Jehoshaphat



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THE DIVIDED KINGDOM



KING AHAB



KING JEHOShAPHAT



Mediterranean Sea

Samaria

Jerusalem

JUDAH

Dead Sea

The Sphere of Influence

China

Myanmar**
14%

Laos
32%

Vietnam*
19%

Thailand
14%

Philippines
14%

Cambodia*
18%

Brunei
3%

Malaysia
14%

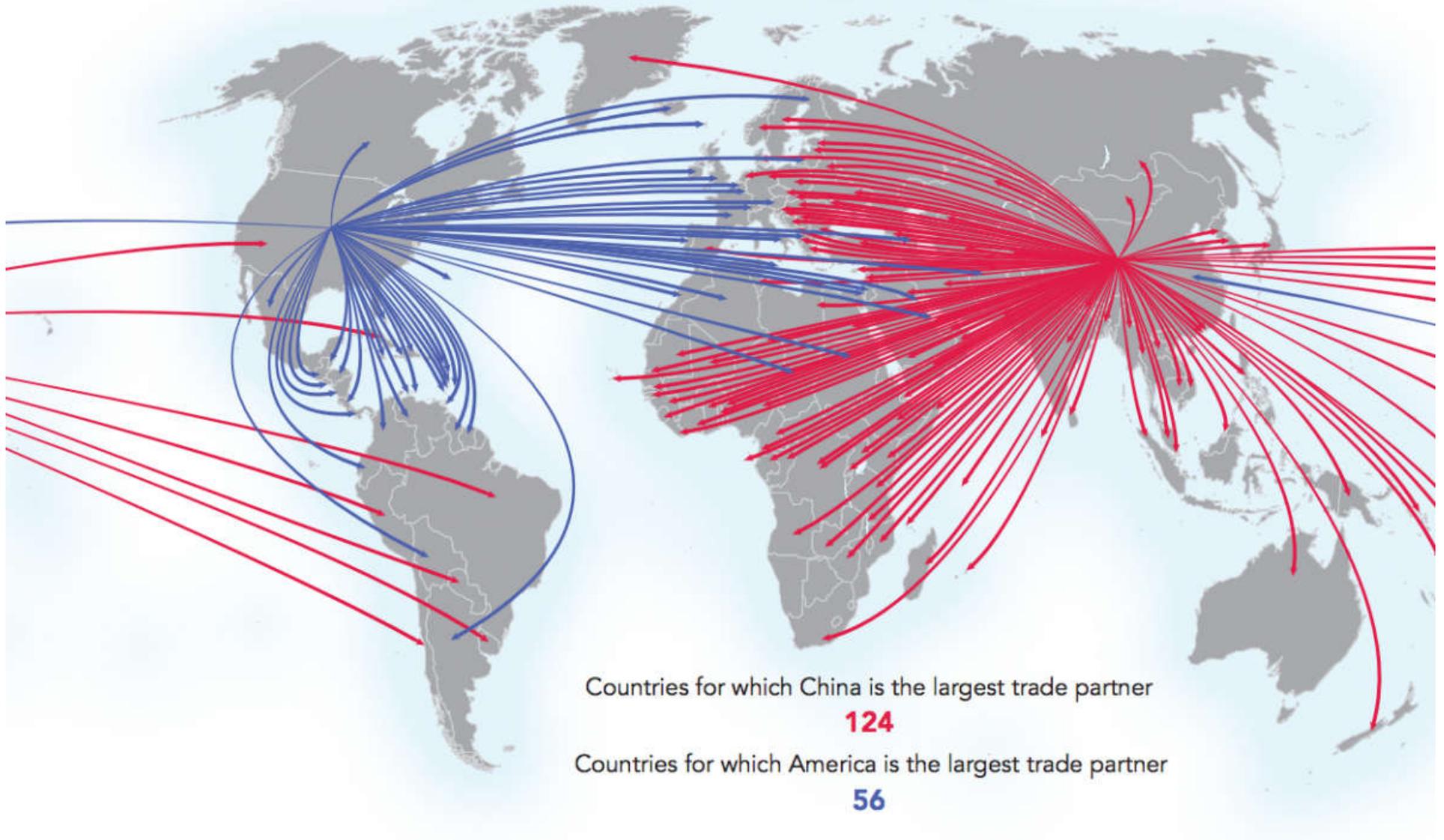
A **sphere of influence** (SOI) is a division over which a state or organization has a level of cultural, economic, military, or political ... powers outside the borders of the state that controls it.

Singapore
12%

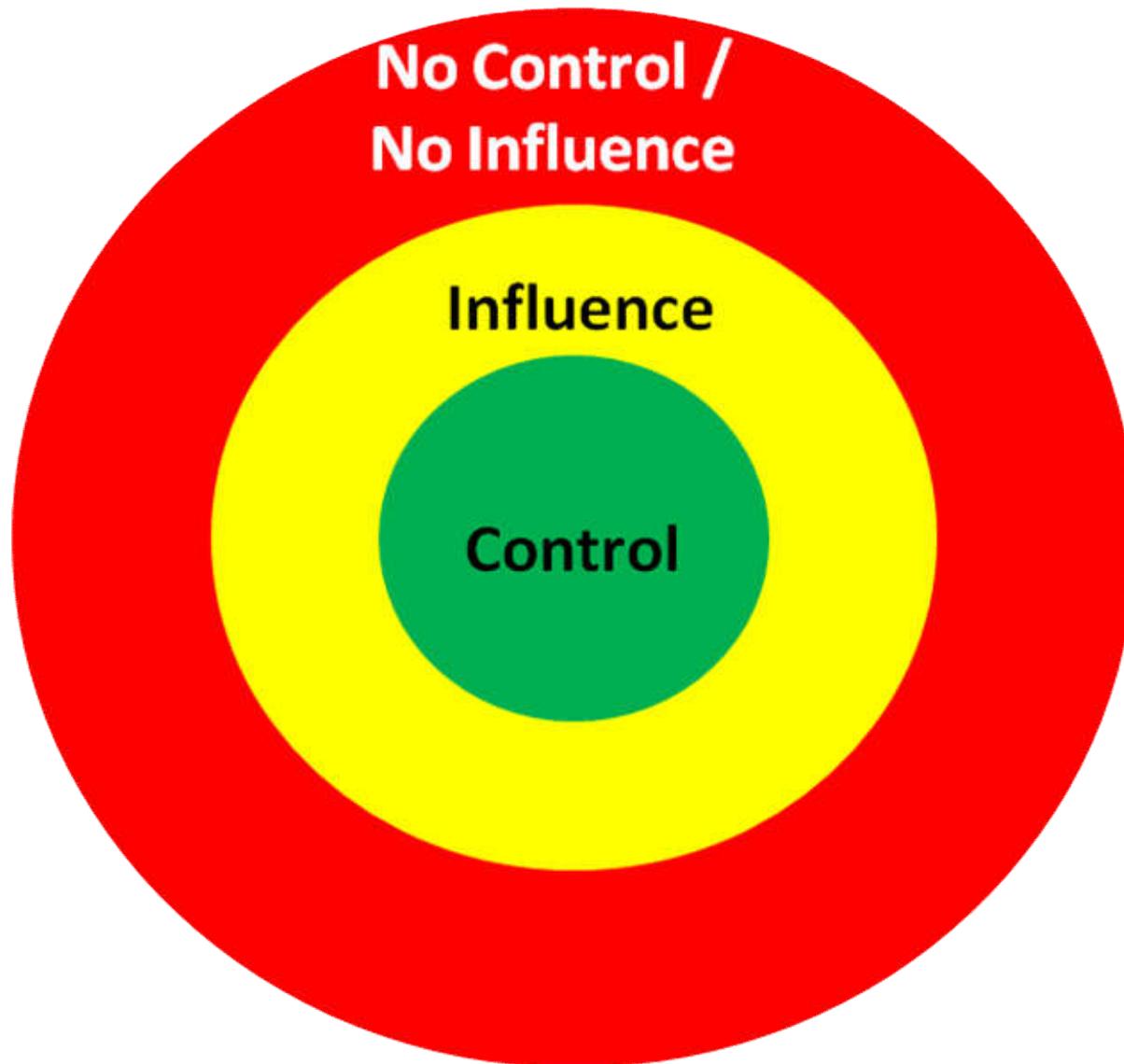
Indonesia
14%

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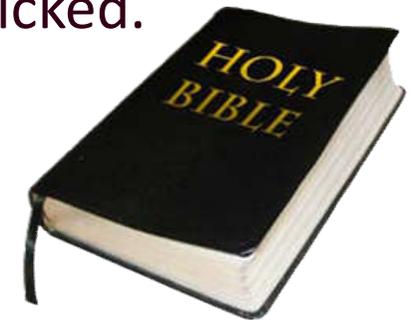
The Sphere of Influence



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Psalm 26:4-5 I do not sit with deceitful men, Nor will I go with pretenders. I hate the assembly of evildoers, And I will not sit with the wicked.



1 Corinthians 15:33 Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."

7 Qualities of a God-fearing man King Jehoshaphat



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Spiritually Appointed



**This is how
we should
approach
Christian duty**

- **Judges**
- **Levites**

Functionally Responsible

16 Cylinders Of High Performance

**Body
Mind**

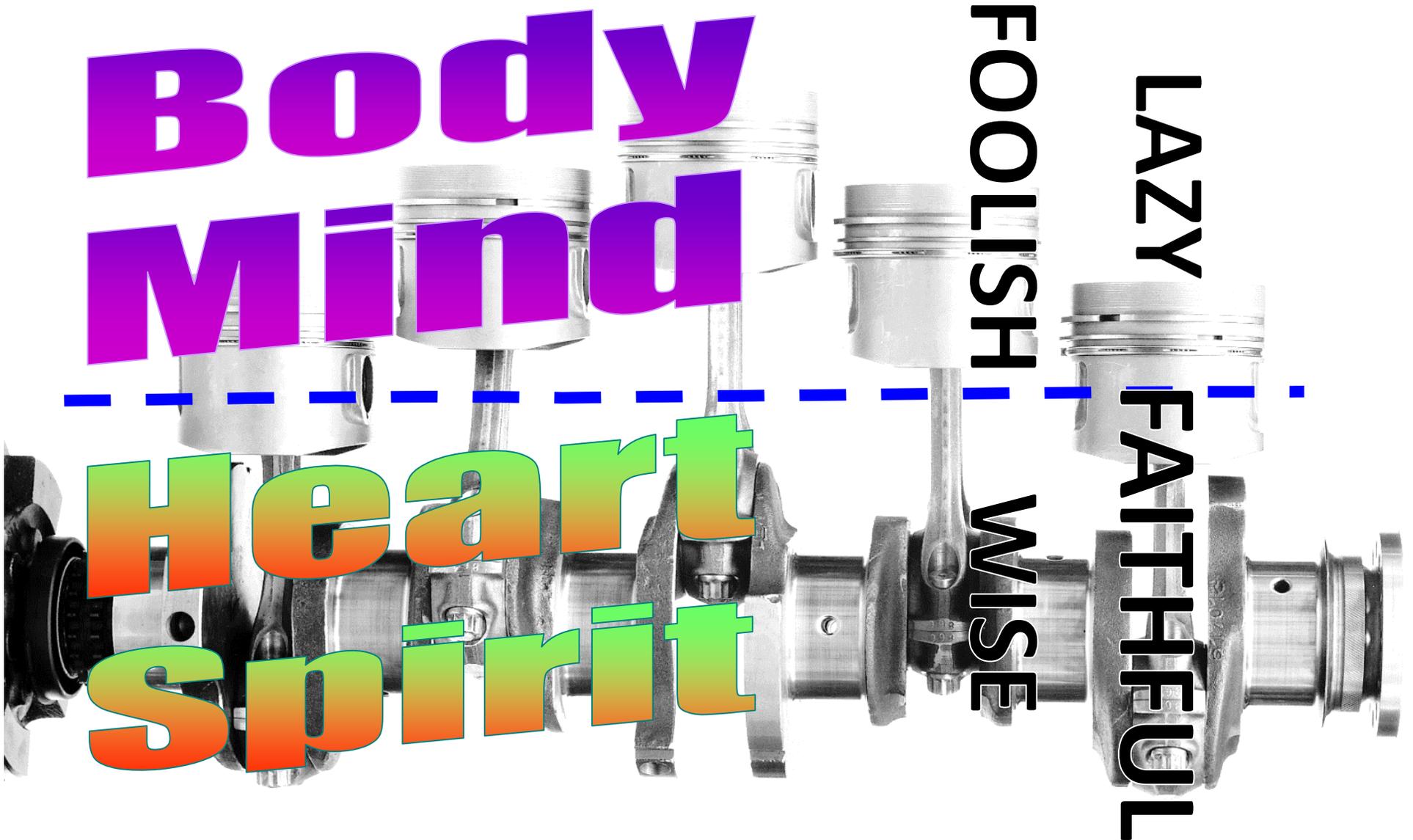
**Heart
Spirit**

FOOLISH

WISE

LAZY

FAITHFUL



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A vast army is coming against you from Edom (Moabites, Ammonites, Meunites)



You Have 15 Minutes To Respond To A Crisis:

A Checklist of Do's and Don't's



DO

- Become the trusted voice in the crisis.
- Give the crisis your full attention.
- Pull the trigger on your crisis plan.
- Assess what you can do yourself and what you can delegate.
- Find out the facts and connect with authorities.
- Monitor social and traditional media closely.
- Understand the scope of the issue and assess the critical decisions.
- Issue a "holding statement" ASAP.
- Think through every word.
- Put people first.
- Correct any errors of fact that are already public.
- Contact your key audiences (employees, board, shareholders).



DON'T

- Lie.
- Disappear.
- Issue a denial until you have all the facts.
- Minimize the situation.
- Make a joke about the crisis.
- Say "we are taking the matter seriously."
- Repeat the problem or accusation in your statement.
- Let your fears of liability trump your humanity.
- Speculate until you understand the facts.
- Be only inwardly-focused.



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CRISIS



HOW KING JEHOSHAPHAT RESPONDED

1. Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the Lord and fasted (v.3-12)
2. Jehoshaphat waited for God's guidance / ways (v.13-17)
3. Jehoshaphat believed and acted on God's Word (v. 18-28)

The Reigns of King Asa & Jehoshaphat



CONCLUSION

**What does a God-fearing &
God-loving man / woman
look like?**



What does a God-fearing & loving man look like? King Asa & King Jehoshaphat



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