

**“DO NOT END YOUR RACE EARLY: STRENGTHEN YOURSELF IN THE LORD!”  
(2 Chronicles 14-16)**

- What is your life’s objective before the Lord? (1 Cor. 15:58; Heb. 12:1-2)

Fixed Spiritual Principle: God promises to strengthen His people to do His will! We believe it by faith! (1 Sam. 23:14-18, 30:1-7; Psalm 29:11; Dan. 10:8, 12, 16-18; Acts 16:4-5; Eph. 6:10-18; Phil. 4:13; Col. 1:11; 2 Tim. 2:1)

**I. ASA SUCCESSFULLY REIGNS AS KING AFTER ABIJAH (2 Chronicles 14-16)**

**A. King Asa started strong as King of Judah (2 Chron. 14:1-8)**

- What causes Christians to stumble in their walk with the Lord?

**B. King Asa cries out to the Lord when difficulty arises (14:9-15)**

- Is the Lord faithful in His provision to us in time of need?

**C. Word of God WARNS King Asa... “If”! (15:1-19)**

1. The Lord was on King Asa’s side for “Spiritual Success”. (15:1-7)

- What must come first, Faith or Obedience?

2. King Asa responded by faith resulting in national encouragement, conviction and resolve. (15:8-19)

a. King Asa responded with courage by spiritually cleansing and fortifying the nation. (8)

- How do we “hear the Lord” in our life? (15:2, 8)

b. King Asa organized the nation in serving the Lord together. (15:9-15)

1. Worship (9-11)

2. Common Doctrine (12-14)
3. Rejoiced in the Lord by faith. (15)
4. Fortified Worship (16-18)
  - What was God's blessing to Judah? (19)

**D. In sudden trouble, King Asa resorts to “Fleshly Means” to fight his battle. (16:1-14)**

1. King Asa trusts the flesh and the world, instead of the Lord when threatened by King Baasha of Israel. (1-6)
  - What took place for 20+ years in Judah?
  - What is happening in your life? Heart? Dreams?
2. King Asa is rebuked/reproofed/corrected for not trusting the Lord. (7-10)
  - What is the bottom line to salvation and Christian walk?
3. King Asa does not repent in his old age. (11-14)
  - Why would he not repent? (1Peter 5:5b-10)