

Dangerous longings of godly people

2 Chronicles 18:1-19:3, 20:35-37

- I. God blessed godly Jehoshaphat with great honor, power and wealth (2 Chronicles 17:1-2, 5).
- II. Jehoshaphat made spiritually foolish alliances to pursue greater honor, power and wealth.
 - A. Jehoshaphat sought more **honor** by agreeing to a marriage alliance (2 Chronicles 18:1).
 - Did he long for a royal daughter-in-law and hope to convert her?
 - Result – His son who married her was evil and later killed all his brothers (2 Chronicles 21:1-6).
 - B. Jehoshaphat sought more **power** through a military alliance with Ahab (2 Chronicles 18:2-19:2)
 - Did he want greater security by helping Ahab?
 - Result – Jehoshaphat almost died and God rebuked him (2 Chronicles 18:30-32; 19:1-2).
 - C. Jehoshaphat sought more **wealth** from a business alliance with Ahab's evil son (1 Kings 22:48-49).
 - Was he not content with wealth God gave?
 - Result – God destroyed all his ships before they could sail (2 Chronicles 20:35-37).
- III. Spiritual protection through self-awareness
 - A. Admitting we long for **success** in the world's eyes
 - Am I pursuing personal significance while ignoring my worth in God's eyes?
 - Are my longings driven by pride and discontent?
 - B. Recognizing our true motives for **friendships**
 - Do I long for friends while avoiding God?
 - Is my pursuit of friends driven by my insecurities?