

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What are the dangers in striving for the riches of this world?
2. What should our attitude be toward affluence?
3. How much do we unknowingly worry about? What does the Word say about worrying?
4. What is true spiritual success?

### SUMMARY:

In these words the Lord teaches us the distinct direction for our thoughts, our motives, our hopes, our fears, our efforts, and our entire lives and being. Living in this world we should not become consumed by it, but rather our values should be entirely fixed upon Christ, upon the Spiritual Kingdom, and upon the Heavenly promises where the treasures are eternal and everlasting. We should also devalue the earthly and the physical, and augment the valuable treasure in seeking those things that are above.

### NOTES:

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #1

October 3, 2004

Fourth Quarter

### SEEKING TRUE SUCCESS

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**LESSON TEXT:** Luke 12:13-34

**LESSON SETTING:** Jesus spoke to large crowds, possibly in or near Jerusalem.

**TIME:** Approximately 33 A.D.

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**I. THE FOLLY OF COVETOUSNESS.** Luke 12:13-21

- A. Worldliness - Luke 21:34; James 4:4
- B. Covetousness - Exodus 20:17; Ezekiel 33:31; Colossians 3:5
- C. Trust in Riches - Proverbs 18:11; Mark 10:24; 1 Timothy 6:17

**II. THE WISDOM OF TRUSTING GOD.** Luke 12:22-28

- A. Worry is Forbidden - Matthew 6:25; Philippians 4:6; 1 Peter 5:7
- B. Life is Precious - Matthew 10:31; 16:26
- C. Trusting God - Psalm 31:19; 125:1; Isaiah 26:3

**III. THE VALUE OF TRUE TREASURERS.** Luke 12:29-34

- A. Seeking God - Isaiah 55:6; Luke 11:10
- B. Holy Ambitions - Philippians 3:13-14; 2 Timothy 2:15
- C. The Spiritual Kingdom. Luke 17:21; Romans 14:17
- D. Spiritual Treasures - Ephesians 1:18; 1 Timothy 6:19; Hebrews 11:26;

***GOLDEN TEXT: A MAN'S LIFE CONSISTETH NOT IN THE ABUNDANCE OF THE THINGS WHICH HE POSSESSETH.***

Luke 12:15

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** 2 Chronicles 14:1-15

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** 1 Kings 15:1-24

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Kings and Prophets of Judah

**TOPIC:** ASA, A KING WHO SOUGHT GOD

**INTRODUCTION:**

King Asa was the third king to rule over Judah. Rehoboam, son of Solomon, ruled seventeen years. We read that Rehoboam forsook the Lord and by his fifth year had been disciplined by God. (2 Chronicles 12:1-2) Abijah, son of Rehoboam, was the second king, and we read of him that he continued in the sins of his father. (1 Kings 15:1-3) His reign only lasted three years. So twenty years after the death of Solomon, Asa began his reign. His reign was a good one because he did that which was good and right in the sight of the Lord. There were no wars for ten years until the vast Ethiopian army came against Judah. Asa called on God and trusted Him to fight the battle for Judah and the enemy was overthrown. Another era of peace prevailed over Judah for another 25 years. The Bible tells us that the heart of Asa was "perfect" all his days. (2 Chronicles 15:17)

May we too strive to have perfect hearts all our days. God will bless us too, just as he did Asa if we have this same spirit and remove evil from our lives.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** God's power is always available to the one who seeks to do God's will.

***GOLDEN TEXT:*** . . . ***HELP US, O LORD OUR GOD; FOR WE REST ON THEE . . .***

2 Chronicles 14:11

King Asa, a man who did that which was right and pleasing in God's sight, did much to cleanse Judah of idolatry and to strengthen the nation. Eventually, evil forces came against Judah, an Ethiopian army of one million men. There was no human possibility of overcoming the army. King Asa called upon God for help. His cry was one of faith and confidence in God. The very fact that he trusted in God for deliverance from this great army is evidence of the kind of life he lived. Because he asked, fully expecting God to fight this battle for Judah, the way opened for God to take over and overcome the enemy.

Do we experience the power of God taking over in our battles of life? When we ask God for help do we fully trust Him to take over, or do we in our hearts hold a little room for us to figure out an answer, "just in case."

God wants us to commit our all to Him including all our needs, great or small. If we do this we will experience His richest blessing and help. May we learn to "rest" on Him.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF October 4 - 10**

M. \*A Good King. 2 Chronicles 14:1-8

T. \*A Prayer Answered. 2 Chronicles 14:9-15

W. A Nation Encouraged. 2 Chronicles 15:1-7

T. A King Who Tried. 2 Chronicles 15:8-15

F. A King Who Did Not Listen. 2 Chronicles 16:1-10

S. A King Who Did Not Trust. 2 Chronicles 16:11-14

S. Blessings of Serving God. Psalm 1