

## ARE YOU CONSISTENT?

**JEHOSHAPHAT**

**2 CHRONICLES 20:32**

**Day 21**

At the end of his life, it was said of King Jehoshaphat, that he did not depart from living a life honoring to the Lord. We called that a life of consistency. We are not talking about perfection here. We are talking about pursuing the same goals and using reliable & consistent strategies to reach those goals.

Is there anyone on earth that is consistent? As young parents we talked often about being consistent parents. However, we realized that being a consistent parent did not mean doing it the same way every time. It is not realistic to try & respond the same way to every situation. Maybe, the consistency has to be a deeper quality than what comes out of the mouth.

Maybe, we need to be consistent about: how much do we want to accomplish the will of God; how much are we willing to sacrifice to bring honor to God; how much time do we spend with God & His word each day; how much do we agree with God about the consequences for allowing sin into our lives; how intimate will we become with God when it comes to our personal holiness; what will you say "no" to in the areas of temptation; how much of the world system will you choose to keep out of your life; how willing will you be to let those around you know that you have chosen God to worship & serve; how quick will you be to confess and turn away from sinful & disobedient practices; how regularly will you be in telling God through your life that you love Him, and that He is worth whatever it takes; and, how glad will you be to do all the above items.

My consistency in Godly living does not come from what I say in response to a nasty remark; nor does it come from how I look at something that should be avoided. It comes from who I am, that person who God is developing every day. If my behavior is not consistent, then my Christian commitment & honesty with God is not consistent either.

**APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

1. How is your daily behavior showing a consistent Christian behavior that demonstrates something that works?
2. Where are you inconsistent? Where do you think those inconsistencies are coming from? What strategies could you develop with God's help to start becoming consistent in the way you live.

**A PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

What do you need to say to God as you face the topic being discussed in this devotional? Write out your prayer word for word just as if you were praying. Use separate lined paper to record your prayer. Make sure you actually pray this prayer to the Lord. Be honest & be personal. After all, you mean business with God here. You want this area of your life either fixed, strengthened, added, or removed.