

## Outline

- I. For Asa, seeking the physicians was not the same as seeking the Lord (2 Chr. 16:11-12).
  - A. Many of us today do the same.
  - B. Culturally, we've developed this mindset that the very first thing we should do when facing sickness is go to the physicians, depend on medicine, and submit to surgery.
  - C. Seeking God is our last thought—if we even think of it at all.
  - D. Many people think that God and physicians are equal; they aren't.
  - E. We ought to rely on physicians only if we've prayed and the Lord has led us that way.
  - F. Many people's default is to go through all of man's ways and resources first and turn to God *only* when the situation gets beyond human ability.
  - G. Asa depended upon man's strength and ability.
  - H. It's another indication of how he kept doing things in his own might instead of depending on God.
  - I. Friends, we need to learn how to depend on God, even for our health.
  - J. Many people today just take whatever others shove at them: a pill to get up and a pill to go to bed; they have a pill for everything!
  - K. They rely on the flesh and then wonder why they aren't receiving God's best.
- II. Doctors are fighting sickness, but it's just through human ability.
  - A. Some of what doctors do is good, and some of it's bad.
  - B. There's a reason why they have the highest malpractice insurance in the world.
  - C. Doctors make mistakes, but people think doctors are infallible.
  - D. If the Lord tarries, people will look back on our day a hundred years from

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now and shake their heads at the way cancer is currently being treated.

- E. But right now, such treatment is cutting edge, and everyone is so excited about it.
- F. When you feel sick or when some kind of symptom tries to tell you that you're sick, stand on the Word of God and believe.
- G. If you aren't to that place yet, there's no condemnation (Rom. 8:1).
- H. Don't sit there and die trying to be like someone else.
- I. Do what you've got to do to get well, but you ought to turn to God first.

### III. God's Word says:

*And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.*

Deuteronomy 34:7

- A. What we have in Christ is better than what Moses had (Heb. 8:6)!
- B. Yet if somebody today goes to believing for good eyesight without glasses, many will label them a fanatic, weirdo, or freak.
- C. We've accepted second, third, or fourth best, and we're content to live there.
- D. As long as we're content to be less, we will be.

### IV. God's eyes are searching to and fro throughout the whole earth right now (2 Chr. 16:9).

- A. He's looking for someone who will trust Him for His best—divine health. Why not you?
- B. When you decide to start believing for God's best and set that as your standard, pray this prayer: "God, don't look any further. I want Your best. I don't want second best. I don't want to just cope and survive. Lord, I want to thrive!"
- C. If you set reaching the stars as your goal, even if you miss your goal and hit the moon, that's more than most people have ever done.
- D. Most folks are shooting at nothing and hitting it every single time!

## Discipleship Questions

1. For Asa, seeking the physicians was not the \_\_\_\_\_ as seeking the Lord (2 Chr. 16:11-12).
2. *Discussion question:* What can you say about a culture that has made it normal to go to physicians, depend on medicine, and submit to surgery rather than seek God first?  

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3. You ought to rely on physicians \_\_\_\_\_ if you've prayed and the Lord has led you that way.
  - A. Perhaps
  - B. Even
  - C. Sometimes
  - D. Only
  - E. Especially
4. You need to \_\_\_\_\_ how to depend on God, even for your health.
5. True or false: If you are relying on the flesh, you aren't receiving God's best.
6. *Discussion question:* What steps can you take toward receiving God's best in your health?  

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7. What you have in Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ than what Moses had (Deut. 34:7 and Heb. 8:6).
8. *Discussion question:* What will it take for you to be discontent with second, third, or fourth best in your health?  

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9. God is \_\_\_\_\_ for someone who will trust Him for His best—divine health (2 Chr. 16:9).
  - A. Looking
  - B. Weeping
  - C. Thirsting
  - D. Clapping
  - E. Cooking
  
10. If you set reaching the stars as your goal, even if you miss your goal and hit the moon, that's more than \_\_\_\_\_ people have ever done.
  
11. True or false: You should be condemned if you aren't walking in divine health.
  
12. Let's take \_\_\_\_\_ of what the doctors can do but not be \_\_\_\_\_; let's \_\_\_\_\_ to God for His best!

## Scriptures

2 CHRONICLES 16:11-12

And, behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. [12] And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:11

Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

ROMANS 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

DEUTERONOMY 34:7

And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.

HEBREWS 8:6

But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

2 CHRONICLES 16:9

For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.