



FIRST EVANGELICAL FREE
CHURCH OF MOLINE

THE LORD IS JUDGE JEHOSHAPHAT



A Blessed Beginning
2 Chronicles 17:1-19

Sermon Question

What Is the Level of Your Devotion to the Lord?

Let's learn from Jehoshaphat and raise the level of our devotion to the Lord in four ways.

Devote Yourself to Following Godly Examples17:1-6

Devote Yourself to the Worship of God..... 17:6

Devote Yourself to the Teaching of God's Word17:7-9

Devote Yourself to the Welfare of God's People. 17:12-17

Open It!

How do Olympic Athletes demonstrate their whole-hearted devotion to their sport? Can you think of an example from the 2021 Summer Olympics?

Read It!

2 Chronicles 17:1-19

Consider It!

Who had a spiritual influence on Jehoshaphat (1 Kings 22:43; 17:3,6)?

Why did the Lord show favor to King Jehoshaphat (17:3-6)?

What would it mean today for a person to live according to the ways of the Lord?

How did King Jehoshaphat express his devotion to the Lord? What did he endeavor to do (17:1-19)?

What were the high places and Asherah poles? See a Bible dictionary.

What evil influences draw us away from devotion to the Lord? What needs to be removed from our lives?

What did Jehoshaphat do throughout all of Judah (17:7-9)?

Why is it important for all of God's people to know and understand God's word?

How can the local church help God's people to know and understand God's word? Share your ideas with leadership.

What could you do to help another person know and understand God's word?

How did the people of Judah and surrounding nations respond to Jehoshaphat's reign (17:5, 10-11)?

Live It!

Increase Your Devotion to the Ways of the Lord

Examine your choices.

Do your choices reflect a whole-hearted devotion to God or to your own self-interest?

- In your friendships
- In your marriage
- In the use of your time
- In the use of your resources

Increase Your Devotion to the Worship of God

- What are your substitutes?
- Where do you seek joy and satisfaction?
- What is your next step in restoring the worship of God?

Increase Your Devotion to the Word of God

- What time will you set aside to read the Bible this week?
- Who will you ask to help you read and understand the Scriptures?
- Where does God want you to teach His word?

Prayer of Consecration

O Lord, I promise that by your grace my future will be a future of unfailing Yes to you. I consecrate myself to forsake the No and the Not Yet of my unbelief. I pledge myself to a holy dissatisfaction until my thoughts, my words, and my deeds express the radical obedience that comes from the wonderful, joyful freedom of living by faith in Jesus who loves me and gave himself up for me. Amen, so be it!

Adapted from John Piper, *Future Grace*, page 108.