



FIRST EVANGELICAL FREE
CHURCH OF MOLINE

THE LORD IS JUDGE JEHOSHAPHAT



The Peril of Prosperity
2 Chronicles 18:1 – 19:3

Sermon Question

Be Aware! Prosperity Dulls Your Spiritual Sensibilities.

When you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, the your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 8:12–14 (NIV)

Be Aware of the Company You Keep.....18:1-3, 9

Be Aware of the Counsel You Seek18:4-27

Be Aware of the Risks You Take..... 18:28 -19:3

Open It!

Have you ever had your senses alarmingly dulled by lack of sleep, medication, or alcohol? What were the frightening effects?

Read It!

2 Chronicles 18:1 – 19:3

Consider It!

Who was King Ahab (1 Kings 16:29-33)?

How did Jehoshaphat ally himself with Ahab (18:1)?

How did Jehoshaphat respond (18:3-4)? Did his response demonstrate wisdom or dulled sensibilities?

What are the hazards of keeping company with people who do not share your faith in Christ?

From whom did Ahab seek divine guidance (18:5)?

Why did Jehoshaphat desire additional counsel (18:6)?

What counsel did the prophets of Baal offer (18:9-11)?

Did Ahab want to know the truth (18:12-17)?

What picture of heavenly events does Micaiah reveal (18:18-21)?

How did Ahab respond to the LORD's word (18:23-26)?

How should a prophet's word be judged (18:27)?

Why did Ahab ignore Micaiah's word from the Lord (18:7)?

Why are we so susceptible to accepting counsel that supports our predetermined conclusions?

Did Jehoshaphat take the Lord's counsel to heart? Why or why not?

Why do people ignore the clear warnings in God's word?

How do you know who speaks for the LORD (Deut. 13:1-4; Jer. 23:16-18; Luke 6:43-45)?

What are the hazards of ignoring the counsel of God's word?

Live It!

Memorize Psalm 1

Take Stock of the Company You Keep

Test the Counsel You Seek

Prayer

Heavenly Father, I confess that when I am in trouble or distress, I want your help, but when I am prospering under your gracious hand, I forget about you. I arrogantly assume that my well-being is the result of my own efforts. Show me the peril of my prosperity, that I might confess it as sin. Deliver me from spiritual dullness before I harm myself and those I love. In the name of Jesus who loves me gave His life for me, Amen.