



ACTIVATING THE PROPHETIC PROMISE OF FRUITFUL LABOUR (2)

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2026: OUR YEAR OF FRUITFUL LABOUR | 2 Chronicles 15: 7

- **Lesson Seven:** Asa and his people sealed their covenant with God by an oath, publicly witnessing their commitment and pledging faithful obedience to the truth they had embraced (**2 Chronicles 15:14-19, Hebrews 6:17-18**).
- **Lesson Eight:** They rejoiced at the oath, revealing a willing, joyful commitment, not coerced obedience, for God delights in cheerful, voluntary surrender (**1 Corinthians 5:1-2**).
- **Lesson Nine:** Asa removed his mother as queen mother, affirming that obedience to God supersedes blood ties. God's DNA test kit for identifying those who are His is whoever does the will of the Father in heaven (**Matthew 12:46-50**).
- When a family member's counsel opposes the word of God, love must be guided by obedience. Asa did not dishonour his mother, but he removed her from influence because of idolatry, knowing that unchecked compromise would eventually corrupt the entire people.
- **Lesson Ten:** Asa brought into God's house what he and his father had dedicated. What is vowed must be released, not withheld, because God takes no pleasure in the sacrifice of fools (**Ecclesiastes 5:4**).
- When the Lord rewards our labour with fruitfulness, we must not forget to honour Him with the firstfruits of our increase.
- Beyond the positive lessons in Asa's response to the prophetic word, he later made a tragic turn—he shifted his trust from God to man, even after God gave him rest (**2 Chronicles 16:1-14**).
- Smaller nations are easily influenced by stronger powers, but when boundaries are not clearly drawn, compromise follows. What began as external influence allowed idolatry to slip from Israel into Judah, until even the king himself lost spiritual clarity. That was Asa's pitfall.
- We must deliberately guard our hearts, homes, and relationships, avoiding influences that weaken

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- Asa's second pitfall was that his heart was steadfast until he backslid. True faith is tested in trial. Anyone can praise God in ease, but an enduring relationship is proven in adversity.
- We must prepare for war in times of peace. While enjoying the Lord's rest, we are called to build strength and readiness.

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- What caused Asa's sudden decline? The first was comfort. He became so secure in wealth, power, and peace that he forgot the Lord, proving how easily prosperity can lead one to rely on self rather than God (**2 Chronicles 15 & 16**).

- **Second**, his heart was desecrated. Asa removed idols from Judah but failed to uproot the idol within his own heart. Like many, he neglected to sustain the good works he had begun (**Titus 3:14**).
- **Third**, his wrongful alliance with Syria. As a believer-king who once trusted God fully, it was wrong to align with an unbelieving nation, contrary to God's guidance (**2 Chronicles 16:1-4, 2 Corinthians 6:14**).
- King Asa remained faithful for thirty-five years, and Judah enjoyed peace, not by military might, but because God honoured his faithfulness. Yet in the thirty-sixth year, when war approached, he faltered, finishing in the flesh what he had begun in the Spirit (**Galatians 2:18**).
- The cause of Asa's tragic end: when confronted with his errors, he became angry and imprisoned the prophet. His once-receptive heart gave way to a bloated ego, turning him from a reformer to the enemy of the very prophetic word he had once obeyed.

- Asa became an oppressive ruler, showing that when the Spirit of God departs from a person, such a person becomes vulnerable to demonic influence and control.
- When you zealously advance God's work through reforms that draw people to Christ, you are confronting the enemy and the enemy will not sit idly by. He will attack.
- Asa died in the forty-first year of his reign. Tragically, six years of failure erased the fruit of thirty-five years of faithfulness, showing how quickly a short season of compromise can undo a lifetime of righteousness (**2 Chronicles 16:11-14, Ezekiel 18:24**).
- **What is fruitful labour? One:** Fruitful labour is work that endures, producing lasting impact beyond the moment (**John 6:27, Matthew 6:19-21**).
- **Two:** Fruitful labour is doing the will of God and aligning our work with His purpose (**Hebrews 10:5-7, Psalm 40:7-8**).
- **Three:** Fruitful labour is work that is fully completed, accomplishing what God assigned (**John 4:34; 17:4; 19:30, 2 Timothy 4:7**).
- **Four:** Fruitful labour is often unseen and done in secret, without fanfare. God, who observes in secret, rewards openly (**John 4:32, Matthew 6:1-4; 25:34-40**).
- **Five:** Fruitful labour is selfless service. Like Jesus, who came to serve and wash His disciples' feet, true labour seeks others' good above personal gain (**Mark 10:45, Matthew 20:26, John 13:1-17**).



PRAYER POINTS

1. Father, in 2026, help us to wholeheartedly confirm our covenant with You by serving willingly and surrounding ourselves with relationships that align with Your purpose, in Jesus' name.
2. Lord, help us to fulfil every vow made to You with integrity, and protect us so that all You provide for our good does not become a snare, in Jesus' name.

3. Lord, deliver us from returning to old ways, keep us steadfast on the path of righteousness, and teach us to be sober and vigilant against the enemy's schemes, in Jesus' name.
4. Lord, guard us against pride that resists correction, help us respond to truth with humility, and deliver our nation from every oppressive ruler and unjust system, in Jesus' mighty name.
5. Lord, give us the strength to finish every project we start, revisit abandoned assignments, and ensure that all our labour yields fruit and no effort is in vain, in Jesus' name.
6. Lord, help us hold firmly to You and Your Word. Help us to walk in obedience daily, and honour Your covenant in every area of our lives, trusting in Your guidance forever, in Jesus' name.
7. Lord, keep us from returning to old habits or destructive patterns, sustain us in Your truth, and let 2026 be a year of divine guidance, strength, protection, and unprecedented favour,