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2 Chronicles 16:9a

“For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is perfect *and loyal* toward Him.” 2 Chronicles 16:9a

The Lord’s intention for His people is always for good. He longs to show Himself strong on our behalf. King Asa had served the LORD and lived uprightly before Him, but there came a day he forgot this trust in God. Instead of continuing to trust the LORD, Asa misplaces his trust in the king of Syrian and his army. The seer Hanani concludes his prophesy to Asa with these heart shaking – life shaking – indeed, kingdom shaking words... “In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars.” (2 Chronicle 16:9b)

Believer, be wise and learn a lesson from backslidden Asa. The Lord calls us to put to death the old man – the flesh with its lusts. (Roman 8:13) It is a serious business this putting to death of the old nature! Remember the admonition to “die daily.” When we become lax in our spiritual disciplines the old nature will ever so subtly act as though he has been reformed, only to emerge in full blown carnality at the first opportunity where we let down our guard.

Until, we are safely in the presence of Jesus we must be ever vigilant of the wiles of the old man lest he arise and bring our downfall. “Put off the old man with his deeds, and put on the new man, that is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him.” (Colossians 3:9-10)

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