

CLASS: SS2

SUBJECT: CRS

TOPIC: PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY II

WEEK: 4

TERM: FIRST

GOOD PARENTING – EXAMPLE OF ASA

(1KING 15:9-15; 22:41-44)

King Asa reigned for forty-one years in Judah. He took over from his father, **Abijam**. Abijam was described as one of the worst king in Israel. Fortunately, his son, Asa and his descendant, Jehoshaphat did not walk in his ways. Both did what was pleasing in the sight of the Lord.

KING ASA'S ACHIEVEMENTS

1. King Asa stamped out male cult and prostitution from the land.
2. He destroyed all the idols that his father had made.
3. He removed **Maacah**, his own mother from the queen position because she had an abominable image made for Asherah.
4. He cut down Asherah's image and burnt it.
5. His heart was wholly true to God all his days.
6. He brought into the house of God his votive (vow) gifts and that of his father.

KING JEHOSHAPHAT

(1KINGS 22:41-44)

Jehoshaphat succeeded his father, Asa. He was thirty-five years when he began to reign. He walked in the ways of his father, doing what was right in the sight of God. Above all, he made **peace** with the king of Israel and also reformed the **judicial system**.

THE ROLES OF THE PARENTS COMPARED

King Asa and his son, Jehoshaphat pleased the Lord by doing what was right in His sight. Although, Asa's father was bad, Asa did not follow his ways. He carried out a lot of reforms which pleased the Lord. His direct son, Jehoshaphat emulated his good steps. However, the sons of Eli departed from the good example of their fathers and did evil.

LESSONS TO LEARN

1. People and leaders should learn to follow the ways of the Lord at all time, so that the Lord would direct them on what is good.
2. Even if our parents are bad and do not know God, we the children should not follow their ways.
3. Children should depart from their parent's evil ways and do what is right in the sight of God, as was the case with king Asa.

ASSIGNMENT

How many kings reigned in Judah before king Asa and Jehoshaphat?