

“Lessons From David, Uzzah & The Ark of God”

Lesson Text: **1 Chronicles 13 and 15.**

I. The Main Characters:

- (1) **David**— The man God chose to replace King Saul as ruler over God’s people.
This all happens because the capital of Israel is moving from Hebron to Jerusalem.
- (2) **Uzzah**— Son of Abinadab and brother to Ahio.
- (3) **The Ark of God**— **Exodus 25:10-22.**
- (4) **David’s New Cart**— **1 Chronicles 13:5-7.**
Something NOT Spoken in Scripture— An Innovation.

II. 1 Chronicles 13:1-14 (2 Samuel 6:1-11 Parallel Account).

III. 1 Chronicles 15:1-14. David Sees Where They Went Wrong.

IV. Lessons For Us Today— Romans 15:4.

1. Wrong Is Still Wrong, Even If Done With Good Intentions.

- A. Uzzah had only good in mind in steadying the ark.
- B. But still, even the best intentions are in error when we do something God does Not approve of!
- C. Some today live by the principles of **Situation Ethics, Pragmatism,** and **“The End Justifies The Means”** attitude in their actions.
- D. Good Intentions are NOT ENOUGH! He still died for *“his error.”* (NKJB)

2. Wrong Is Still Wrong, Even If Done In Ignorance.

- A. Uzzah May Have Acted Before He Thought or Out Of Ignorance.
- B. But Can Ignorance Of God’s Law Be Justification For Any Action?
- C. Saul of Tarsus Acted Out Of Ignorance— **1 Timothy 1:13.**

3. Wrong Is Still Wrong, Even If God Has Not Said, “Don’t...”

- A. We Must Learn The Lesson Of Respecting God’s Silence.
- B. God had already spoken in **Exodus 25:14; Numbers 4:5-6.**
- C. Very Similar To **Leviticus 10:1-3.**

4. Wrong Is Still Wrong, Even If We Love God.

- A. Uzzah Loved God and Wanted To Protect The Ark From Harm.
- B. Many People Claim To Love God, Yet Show Him No Reverence.
- C. The Way We Love God Is By Keeping His Word— **John 14:15.**

5. Wrong Is Still Wrong, Even If It Seems “Trivial” To Us.

- A. Some might view how God wanted the Ark moved as trivial—But God Did NOT!
- B. **Proverbs 14:12.**

6. Wrong Is Still Wrong, Even When Following Religious Leaders.

- A. David Is The One Who Was In Charge Of Bringing The Ark Back.
- B. If They Were Following David’s Direction, David was the one who failed to see to it that they did this right— *“According to the Ordinance.”* (**1 Chronicles 15:13**).