

## Dear Friends of the Foundation:

It is a part of who we are as Presbyterians and as Reformed Christians that we seek to be reformed according to the word of God. That is what being "Reformed" is all about.

But how *diligent* are we in seeking the word of God?

This question came to me recently when I was reading from 2 Chronicles 18:

And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Inquire first for the word of the Lord." Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, *four hundred men*, and said to them, "Shall we go to battle against Ramoth-gilead, or shall I refrain?" And they said, "Go up, for God will give it into the hand of the king." But Jehoshaphat said, "Is there not here *another* prophet of the Lord of whom we may inquire?" (verses 4-6 (ESV), emphasis added)

Four hundred prophets yielded a unanimous opinion, and Jehoshaphat king of Judah had the wherewithal to continue seeking the true word of the Lord! That is amazing. As it turns out, he apparently did not have the wherewithal to heed the word brought to him by that one prophet, but that is a different matter. At least he sought it out.

We have an advantage today. The revealed word of God has been recorded in the Scriptures. Let us diligently seek, read, study, hear, believe, and obey the word of God.

Grace and Peace,

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