

Judges #15

Samson (pt. 3)

The Fall of Samson

1. Samson was a _____ who couldn't conquer _____.

Lust

Passions

Desires

Obsessions

Selfish ambitions

Jealousy

Narcissism

Greed

Judges 14:1-3 (NIV)

¹ Samson went down to Timnah and saw there a young Philistine woman.

² When he returned, he said to his father and mother, "I have seen a Philistine woman in Timnah; now get her for me as my wife."

³ His father and mother replied, "Isn't there an acceptable woman among your relatives or among all our people? Must you go to the uncircumcised Philistines to get a wife?" But Samson said to his father, "Get her for me. She's the right one for me."

Judges 16:1 (NASB) Now Samson went to Gaza and saw a harlot there, and went in to her.

Judges 16:4 (NASB)

⁴ After this it came about that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.

2. Samson was a _____ man who didn't know when he was _____.

Pride

Lack of Self control

Anger

Bitterness

Lack of good sense

Independent

Uncontrolled temper

Judges 16:19-21 (NIV)

¹⁹ Having put him to sleep on her lap, she called a man to shave off the seven braids of his hair, and so began to subdue him. And his strength left him.

²⁰ Then she called, "Samson, the Philistines are upon you!" He awoke from his sleep and thought, "I'll go out as before and shake myself free." But he did not know that the LORD had left him.

²¹ Then the Philistines seized him, gouged out his eyes and took him down to Gaza. Binding him with bronze shackles, they set him to grinding in the prison.

3. Samson was a _____ who couldn't deliver _____.

His mission

His focus

His purpose

His desires

His will

His timing

Judges 15:15-19 (NIV) Finding a fresh jawbone of a donkey, he grabbed it and struck down a thousand men.

¹⁶ Then Samson said, "With a donkey's jawbone I have made donkeys of them. With a donkey's jawbone I have killed a thousand men."

¹⁷ When he finished speaking, he threw away the jawbone; and the place was called Ramath Lehi.

¹⁸ Because he was very thirsty, he cried out to the LORD, "You have given your servant this great victory. Must I now die of thirst and fall into the hands of the uncircumcised?"

¹⁹ Then God opened up the hollow place in Lehi, and water came out of it.

Judges 16:28-30 (NIV) Then Samson prayed to the LORD, "O Sovereign LORD, remember me. O God, please strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes."

²⁹ Then Samson reached toward the two central pillars on which the temple stood. Bracing himself against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other,

³⁰ Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines!" Then he pushed with all his might, and down came the temple on the rulers and all the people in it. Thus he killed many more when he died than while he lived.

How to Avoid a Fall

4. Know you are _____ by knowing _____.

a. The more you know _____ the more you know your _____ without Him.

5. Conquer yourself by _____ yourself up with _____.

a. Fill yourself by: worship, _____, Bible reading, _____, obeying, etc.

6. _____ yourself by being _____ on Christ.

a. His life your life, His righteousness your righteousness, His _____ your will, His _____ your mind, His heaven your _____, His love your love, etc.

7. A person wrapped up in themselves is a very _____ package.

A person wrapped up in Christ will _____ the world.

