
1. Samson was born from a barren woman with a purpose (Judges 13:3).
   1. It was determined by God for him to be a Nazirite (Judges 13:5; 13:24).
   2. God came upon Samson every time he was focused on God’s agenda (Judges 14:19; 15:14; 16:28).

2. Every child is a gift from God and has a purpose (Psalm 127:3).
   1. God has made a child with a bent (Proverbs 22:6).
   2. God has provided us a talent or ability so that we can work to eat (Matt. 25:14-28).
   3. When we got saved, God provided us a spiritual gift (1 Peter 4:10).
   4. The race is set; God expects us to run it (Hebrews 12:3).

2. Samson was Impulsive and Selfish (14:2-3, 12-14; 15:1-5; 16:1; Eccl. 11:9-10; 12:1; Matthew 16:25)

1. Samson was supposed to remain within the borders of his countrymen (Ex. 34:16; Deut. 7:3).
2. Samson saw a woman and wanted to marry her right away (14:2).
3. As a Nazirite he was not supposed to touch a dead carcass (Num. 6:6-9). He impulsively ate the honey.
   1. By law he was not allowed to marry a Gentile (14:3c).
   2. A Nazirite – was not allowed to touch anything dead – the lion 14:8-9).
   3. A Nazirite – was not allowed to drink strong drink; He probably did (vs. 10).
   4. A Nazirite – was not allowed to cut his hair - Delilah (16:17).
4. Samson was unwilling to follow God’s Word to marry only Israelites (Numbers 36:6-7).
5. Samson was not willing to listen to his parents (14:3). Parents arranged who the person marries.
6. Samson had no reason to give out a riddle but did it any way (14:12-14).
7. Samson was quick to be vengeful when his father in law gave his wife away (15:1-5).
8. Samson’s decision almost cost the rest of his village their lives (15:11-13).

“For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. 26 What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Matthew 16:25-26; NIV)
3. **God is Gracious but He does not Remove Consequences (16:28-31):**

1. When God has a purpose He can take even our wrong intentions and work it out for His good ( Judges 14:4).
5. A person may not live a perfect life, but God is faithful to bless them whenever they submit to Him (Hebrews 11:32).