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SAMSON'S THREE FAILURES

~ Judges 16 ~

1. Samson failed to connect his FIRST STEP with his LAST STEP.

Judges 16:1-2 "One day Samson went to Gaza, where he saw a prostitute. He went in to spend the night with her. The people of Gaza were told, 'Samson is here!' So they surrounded the place and lay in wait for him all night at the city gate. They made no move during the night, saying, 'At dawn we'll kill him.'"

**Samson didn't ruin his life all at once.
He ruined it one step at a time.
Small steps led to big destruction.**

Proverbs 27:12 "The wise see danger ahead and avoid it, but fools keep going and get into trouble."

Proverbs 4:25-27 "Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you. Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path. Don't get sidetracked; keep your feet from following evil."

Proverbs 10:9 “People with integrity have firm footing. But those who follow crooked paths will slip and fall.”

2. Samson failed to connect his POSITION with his CONDITION.

Judges 16:3-4 “But Samson lay there only until the middle of the night. Then he got up and took hold of the doors of the city gate, together with the two posts, and tore them loose, bar and all. He lifted them to his shoulders and carried them to the top of the hill that faces Hebron. Some time later, he fell in love with a woman in the Valley of Sorek whose name was Delilah.”

Proverbs 6:27-28 "Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned? Can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched?"

1 Corinthians 10:12 “So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall!”

Romans 13:14 “Let us be Christ’s men from head to foot, and give no chances to the flesh to have its fling.” (Phi) “...make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.” (NKJV)

3. Samson failed to connect his ACTIONS with the CONSEQUENCES.

Judges 16:20-21 “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. 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.”

Galatians 6:7-8 “Do not be deceived:
God cannot be mocked. A man reaps
what he sows. The one who sows to please
his sinful nature, from that nature will reap
destruction; the one who sows to please
the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap
eternal life.”

Ephesians 5:6 “Don’t be fooled by those
who try to excuse these sins, for the anger
of God will fall on all who disobey Him.”

Luke 13:3 Jesus said, “You will perish,
too, unless you repent of your sins and
turn to God.”

WHERE ARE YOU STEPPING AWAY FROM GOD?

Judges 16:22 “But the hair on his head began to grow again after it had been shaved.”

Memory Verse: Galatians 6:7 “Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.”



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