

“The Consequences of Compromise: 8 Spiritual Principles from the Life of Samson”

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Bible-First Lifestyle Reading: Judges 10-21; Romans 1-3; Ps. 71; Prov. 18-20

Principle 1 – God has separated you unto Himself from your **new birth**.

“The boy is to be a Nazirite, set apart to God from birth...” Jdg. 13:5

The Nazirite Vow - Numbers 6:2-21

1. A vow of separation unto God for a specified period of time.
2. No food or drink from the vine.
3. Remain ceremonially clean; touch no dead bodies.
4. Do not cut the hair as a symbol of separation.

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last...” John 15:16

Principle 2 – Your **spiritual power** comes from **God alone**.

“And the Spirit of the Lord began to stir in him...The Spirit of the Lord came upon him in power...”
Jdg. 13:25; 14:6, 19; 15:14,

“Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.” 2 Cor. 12:9

Principle 3 - **Vulnerability** comes from **compromising** God’s Word.

“I have seen a Philistine woman in Timnah; now get her for me as my wife...One day Samson went to Gaza, where he saw a prostitute. He went in to spend the night with her...Some time later he fell in love with a woman in the Valley of Sorek...” Jdg. 14:2, 16:1, 4

Jesus replied, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.” Luke 11:28

Principle 4 – Compromise is **patient**. It will keep nagging you until you give in. The only remedy is to **run away**.

“So on the seventh day he finally told her, because she continued to press him...With such nagging she prodded him day after day until he was tired to death. So he told her everything...” Jdg. 14:17; 16:16-17

“But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.” 1 Tim. 6:11

Principle 5 – Small compromises lead to **comfort** with greater compromises **over time**.

“Some time later, he fell in love with a woman whose name was Delilah...Having put him to sleep on her lap, she called a man to shave of the seven braids of his hair...” Jdg. 16:19

“But each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. After desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full grown, gives birth to death.” Jms. 1:14-15

Principle 6 – Your greatest **failures** will occur when you think you can overcome in **your own strength**.

“He awoke from his sleep and thought, “I’ll go out as before and shake myself free.” But he didn’t know that the Lord had left him.” Jdg. 16:20

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

Principle 7 – Compromise will leave you bound, **without vision**, and wandering in **circles**.

“Then the Philistines seized him, gouged out his eyes and took him down to Gaza. Binding him they set him to grinding in the prison.” Jdg. 16:21

“The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.” 2 Cor. 4:4

Principle 8 – It is never too late to **humbly repent** and call upon the Lord.

“O Sovereign Lord, remember me. O God, please strengthen me...” Jdg. 16:28

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9