

Samson, The Man Who Had It All

Judges 13-15

*From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked. **Luke 12:48***

Samson was born with Privilege

1. Samson was born at an _____ time

*Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, so the Lord delivered them into the hands of the Philistines for forty years. **Judges 13:1***

An opportune time for believers in Jesus Christ

1. There is a spiritual _____

“When plunder becomes a way of life for a group of men in a society, over the course of time they create for themselves a legal system that authorizes it and a moral code that glorifies it.” —Frédéric Bastiat

“Politics and morality are inseparable. And as morality’s foundation is religion, religion and politics are necessarily related. We need religion as a guide. We need it because we are imperfect, and our government needs the church, because only those humble enough to admit they’re sinners can bring to democracy the tolerance it requires in order to survive.” —Ronald Reagan

“Our Constitution was made for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.” —John Adams

*“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. **Matthew 5:14***

There is a spiritual void

2. Our Advanced _____

*making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. **Ephesians 5:16***

2. Samson was raised by Godly _____.

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A certain man of Zorah, named Manoah, from the clan of the Danites, had a wife who was sterile and remained childless. Judges 13:2

The angel of the Lord appeared to her and said, “You are sterile and childless, but you are going to conceive and have a son. Judges 13:3

Then Manoah prayed to the Lord: “O Lord, I beg you, let the man of God you sent to us come again to teach us how to bring up the boy who is to be born.” Judges 13:8

Manoah got up and followed his wife. When he came to the man, he said, “Are you the one who talked to my wife?” Judges 13:11

“I am,” he said.

So Manoah asked him, “When your words are fulfilled, what is to be the rule for the boy’s life and work?” Judges 13:12

you will conceive and give birth to a son. No razor may be used on his head, because the boy is to be a Nazirite, set apart to God from birth, and he will begin the deliverance of Israel from the hands of the Philistines.” Judges 13:5

Three Disciplines required of a Nazarite Vow

1. A Nazarite must never cut his hair—separation from the pride of appearance
2. Abstain from any contact with a dead _____
—separation from even the closest of human relationships
3. Abstain from _____ —symbolizing the separation from worldly pleasures

from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 3:15

***There is a danger that in youth you just get an inoculation of religion,
so that you never really get the relationship with Jesus Christ.***

3. Samson was given special _____ from God.

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the Spirit of the Lord began to stir him while he was in Mahaneh Dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol. Judges 13:25

*The Spirit of the Lord came upon him in power so that he tore the lion apart with his bare hands as he might have torn a young goat. But he told neither his father nor his mother what he had done. **Judges 14:6***

*Some time later, when he went back to marry her, he turned aside to look at the lion's carcass. In it was a swarm of bees and some honey, which he scooped out with his hands and ate as he went along. When he rejoined his parents, he gave them some, and they too ate it. But he did not tell them that he had taken the honey from the lion's carcass. **Judges 14:8-9***

*"If you had not plowed with my heifer, you would not have solved my riddle."
Judges 14:18*

*Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon him in power. He went down to Ashkelon, struck down thirty of their men, stripped them of their belongings and gave their clothes to those who had explained the riddle. **Judges 14:19***

*Burning with anger, he went up to his father's house. And Samson's wife was given to the friend who had attended him at his wedding. **Judges 14:19-20***

***If you get too entangled with the wicked people of this world,
you'll invariably get _____.***

*So the Philistines went up and burned her and her father to death. Samson said to them, "Since you've acted like this, I won't stop until I get my revenge on you." **Judges 15:6-7***

*He attacked them viciously and slaughtered many of them. Then he went down and stayed in a cave in the rock of Etam. **Judges 15:8***

*As he approached Lehi, the Philistines came toward him shouting. The Spirit of the Lord came upon him in power. The ropes on his arms became like charred flax, and the bindings dropped from his hands. **Judges 15:14***

*Finding a fresh jawbone of a donkey, he grabbed it and struck down a thousand men. **Judges 15:15***

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