

Samson & Delilah
and
Ahab & Jezebel

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MISTAKES

IT COULD BE THAT THE PURPOSE OF YOUR LIFE IS
ONLY TO SERVE AS A WARNING TO OTHERS.

The Nazirite Vow

- ▶ From the Hebrew *Nayzer* (נַזִּיר) meaning “consecrated” or “separated”

The Nazirite Vow Included

- ▶ Abstaining from fermented drink, grape juice, fresh or dried grapes
- ▶ Refraining from cutting hair
- ▶ Avoiding contact with dead bodies
- ▶ It was usually for a limited period of time.

Principles for Marriage

- ▶ Do not marry an unbeliever (1 Cor. 6:14-15).
- ▶ Do not choose a mate based solely on outward appearance (Prov. 31:30).
- ▶ Do not use tears or nagging to manipulate your spouse.

Principles for Marriage

- ▶ Do not keep secrets; work on good communication.
- ▶ Do not make foolish wagers that could endanger your family.
- ▶ Do not put your family and friends above your spouse.

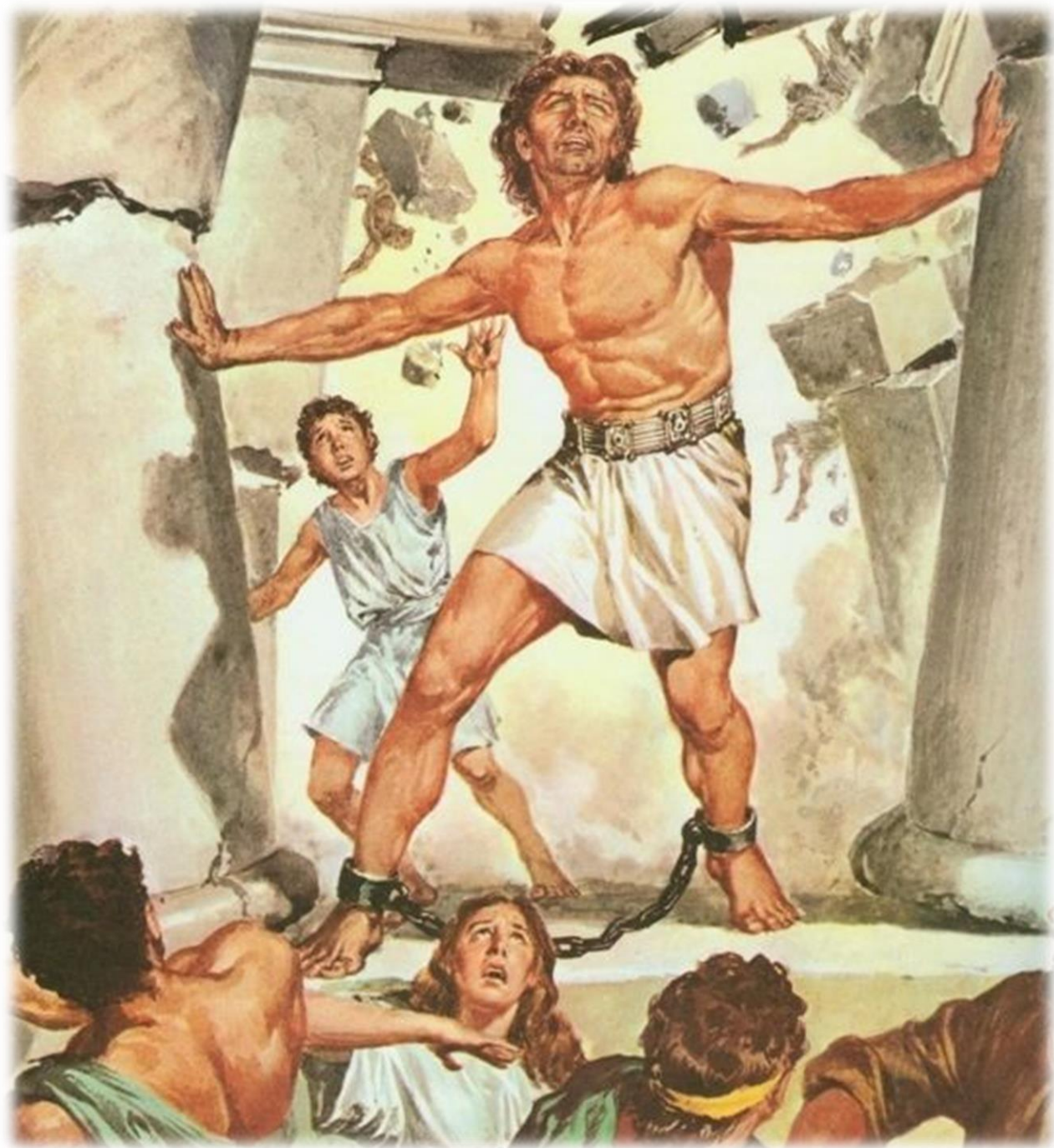


Characteristics of Samson

- ▶ He was self-confident.
- ▶ He lacked self-control.
- ▶ He lacked spiritual discernment.
- ▶ He was deceitful.
- ▶ He was naïve about feminine tactics.
- ▶ He was a jokester.

Characteristics of Delilah

- ▶ She was an unbeliever.
- ▶ She was motivated by her love for money.
- ▶ She was manipulative.
- ▶ She was ruthless.
- ▶ She was deceitful.
- ▶ She was very persistent.



Principles

- ▶ About male/female relationships
 - ▶ Protect your heart; it can deceive you (Jer. 17:9).
 - ▶ Emotions can blind you to someone's true character.
 - ▶ Marry only a believer.
 - ▶ Beware of manipulation.

Principles

- ▶ About temptation
 - ▶ Flee temptation.
 - ▶ Do not put yourself in a situation where you are likely to be tempted.
 - ▶ If you are being tempted, ask the Lord to deliver you.

Principles

- ▶ About the remedy once you fall into sin
 - ▶ Unbeliever—repent and believe (Acts 16:30-31, John 1:12).
 - ▶ Believer—confess and repent (1 John 1:9).

Principles

- ▶ About the results of sin
 - ▶ Sin has temporal consequences.
 - ▶ For the unbeliever, sin also has eternal consequences.

Principles

- ▶ About God
 - ▶ God is sovereign.
 - ▶ God loves His people and is gracious to them.
 - ▶ God will use even sinful people to accomplish His will.
 - ▶ He is willing to forgive sin, but we must not presume on His grace.





Avoiding Pitfalls in Marriage

- ▶ Nurture your own personal relationship with the Lord and encourage your husband in his spiritual growth.
- ▶ Accept the roles that God has given to husbands and wives.

Avoiding Pitfalls in Marriage

- ▶ Resist the temptation to manipulate your spouse to get your own way.
- ▶ Resist the temptation to humiliate or belittle your spouse in public or private

Avoiding Pitfalls in Marriage

- ▶ Resist the temptation to usurp the leadership role to achieve your own agenda.