

Samson & Delilah and Ahab & Jezebel



The Nazirite Vow

- u From the Hebrew *Nayzer* (נִזְרָה) meaning “consecrated” or “separated”

The Nazirite Vow Included

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

Principles for Marriage

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

Principles for Marriage

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



Characteristics of Samson

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

Characteristics of Delilah

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



Principles

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

Principles

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

Principles

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

Principles

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

Principles

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





Avoiding Pitfalls in Marriage

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

Avoiding Pitfalls in Marriage

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

Avoiding Pitfalls in Marriage

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