

**SAMSON:
Man of Strength, Man of Weakness**

Lesson Two • Judges 14:1-20

Pursuing What You Don't Need

The Wrong Pursuit:

How did the man who had it all, lose it all?

By pursuing what you don't NEED!

Another Key to Understanding Samson's Life:

Even when Samson's life is going "DOWNHILL" God's purpose is still being FULFILLED!

But his father and mother did not know that it was of the Lord—that He was seeking an occasion to move against the Philistines. For at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.

Judges 14:4

Pursuing What You Don't Need:

1. Samson WANTS What He Sees (Lust of the Eyes)! *Judges*

14:1-4

One of Samson's Fatal Mistakes:

He rejected the COUNSEL of his parents.

2. Samson TASTES What He Wants (Lust of the Flesh)! *Judges*

14:5-10

Sin's Design for Our Lives:

To distract and steer us off the RIGHT PATH by enticing us to pursue our own lusts.

3. Samson WAGERS What He Tastes (Pride of Life)! *Judges*

14:11-14

Samson's Wager:

"Bet you 30 new suits of clothes you can't SOLVE my riddle in seven days."

Samson's Riddle:

"Out of the eater came something to EAT, out of the strong came something SWEET."

4. Samson LOSES What He Wagers (Price of Sin)! *Judges*

14:15-20

The High Price of Sin:

Samson lost much more than his wager, he lost...

His parent's RESPECT,

His Nazirite SEPARATION,

His WIFE to his best man,

His INTEGRITY to lead Israel.

Life Lessons from a Flawed Hero:

- ❖ When we pursue what we don't NEED, we receive what we don't WANT.

- ❖ There is a difference between being EMPOWERED by the Spirit and CONTROLLED by the Spirit.