

Judges 16 Lessons and Principles

1. Satan is deceitful, sin is deceitful, we can deceive ourselves into thinking God doesn't care about some parts of our lives. When we come to understand, Jesus has claim over our entire life, that is a radical change of perspective.
2. Samson again falls for the wrong woman. Our lesson again is to always guard your heart.
3. What was Samson bound with? – The attention and affection of an ungodly woman. What can we be bound with the deceit and deception of Satan using many methods making us think that our sin is not a big deal, it's okay with God.
4. Samson's continuing in his relationship with Delilah after she tried to bind him with whatever he said would work, is an example for us – when we compromise with sin and bondage and refuse to escape the situation.
5. Delilah certainly sinned by using manipulation on Samson, but he also sinned by giving in to that manipulation. We should never give in to manipulation that compromises our relationship with God.
6. Samson faced a choice between continuing in an ungodly relationship or being faithful to God, that's why it is better to never get into an ungodly relationship.
7. Samson's strength was not in his hair, his strength was in his relationship with God, and he had compromised so much that he didn't realize God departed from him, his true source of power. I think it is better said that Samson departed from God. We must guard our hearts and never fall into compromise so much that we depart from God.
8. The fact that God once again gave Samson the supernatural strength he needed to destroy the pagan temple demonstrates that God never forsook Samson even in his disobedience. We can depend on Him the same way, He will never leave us or forsake us, if we trust in Him.