

The Danger of Compromise
Samson: Compromising Faith for Personal Pleasure
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An overview of Samson's life (Judges 13-16; Numbers 6:1-21)

Samson reminds us that our faith is *compromised* when we:

- Pursue the world more than we pursue God - wrong thinking (John 17:15-19; 1 Corinthians 5:9-10)
- Think that we don't need God or others - personal pride (Proverbs 16:18; 1 Corinthians 12:7-26)
- Waste our "strength" rather than making our lives count for God - self - indulgence (Isaiah 55:1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Matthew 6:19-21)

Compromising faith will lead to:

- Blindness - loss of perception (2 Peter 1:5-9)
- Bondage - enslaved by my choices (2 Peter 2:19; Matthew 6:24)
- Disgrace - loss of respect (Luke 14:28-33)

To Think About....

Am I using my strengths, spiritual gifts and abilities to fulfill God's purposes? If not, what is keeping me from that? _____

Am I wasting my life pursuing that which has no lasting value? How can I avoid missing opportunities and fulfilling God's desire for my life? _____

Which of the three characteristics of Samson do I struggle with the most? What steps can I begin to take to address that area?
