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**“Wisdom that Gives Us  
an Ounce of Prevention”**

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**Judges 16:4-5**

Introduction:

*“Samson was a super boy who had the benefit of every advantage and opportunity from before his birth through childhood, but we know his adult life tells a different story. Great beginnings are no guarantee of successful finishes. We can begin well, but the decisions and choices we make along the way will determine how successful our lives become.”*

**- Jerry Vines**

## **I. Samson had no reservation to resting in a compromising situation. (V. 4)**

A. His pride made him blind to the dangers that lurked in the shadows.

*Intoxicated on his own ego; And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. Judges 16:20*

B. His partner made him blind to the dangers that lurked in the shadows.

*And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him: and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred pieces of silver. Judges 16:5*

*The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know if? (V. 10) I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. Jeremiah 17:9-10*

## **II. Samson had no restraint to resist being coerced into seduction. (V. 6)**

*Then went Samson to Gaza, and saw there an harlot, and went in unto her. Judges 16:1*

### **Why was Samson so quickly deceived by Delilah?**

- ◆ Samson believed because he had shared an intimate moment with Delilah, he could trust her. (Because we share the same pain, go through the same casualty, enjoy the same sport, or share a common bond, doesn't mean we can trust them.)
- ◆ Samson was deceived because he ignored the basic laws of morality.
- ◆ Samson did not realize that Delilah was driven by her own selfish ambitions. Her value system was crude but simple. “Do whatever I must do to get ahead, nothing is sacred, nothing is out of bounds”.

A. Delilah used her feminine persuasion to distract Samson.

*And Delilah said unto Samson, Behold, thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound. Judges 16:10*

*“Everything that is not nailed down is coming loose. And the devil is pulling out nails as fast as he can.”*

**- Adrian Rogers**

B. Delilah used her feminine persuasion to deceive Samson.

*And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him. Judges 16:19*

*Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house: (V. 9) Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel; Proverbs 5:8-9*

### III. Samson had no resources to conquer his situation.

#### What are the traits of those who deceive like Delilah?

- ◆ They let you assume a relationship that is nonexistent. Delilah was performing the acts of a loving relationship but was not putting her heart into the relationship.
- ◆ They obligate you to the relationship by giving you something you perceive as valuable, but to them it is only a trick to keep you loyal. (Judges 16:4,9,12,14,&19)
- ◆ They impose upon that relationship even though they never intend to keep the trust of that relationship. *And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart is not with me? Judges 16:15*
- ◆ They stay attached to immoral alliances. *And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, Judges 16:5*
- ◆ They are careless with the intimate details of their life, and their morals are on sale for a price. *We will give thee every one of us eleven hundred pieces of silver. Judges 16:5*

A. He had no resources because he had divulged his secret.

*That he told her all his heart, and said unto her. There hath not come a razor upon mine head: for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like my other man. Judges 16:17*

*. . . I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him. Judges 16:20*

B. He had no resources because he had deviated from the sacred.

*But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass: and he did grind in the prison house. Judges 16:21*

*“Eve wasn't looking for sin the day the Devil appeared to tempt her. She didn't wake up that morning thinking of what she could do to ruin her and Adam's lives and throw all of Creation into turmoil. She didn't have to – sin came looking for her, just as it comes looking for us daily.”*

**- Adrian Rogers**