

God is the God of the Second Chance!

*“Lessons from the
Life of Samson”*



There are three specific things we can identify in Samson's lifestyle that we need to avoid.

1. A lack of *self-control* will weaken us.



**It's no secret that Samson had
a weakness for women.**

**He fell into one trap after
another.**

Judges 14:1-3 (nlt)



The first lesson we learn
from Samson's life is
**Strong people discipline
their desires!**



Proverbs 25:28 (msg)

*A person without self-control
is like a house with its doors
and windows knocked out.*



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2. If we don't *tame anger* it will weaken us.



**Resentment and getting
even is a waste of time.**

**Resentment always hurts
you more than it does the
person you're angry at.**



**The fact is, when we get
angry and resentful we're
wasting our creativity.**



The second lesson we
learn from Samson's life is
**Strong people restrain
their reactions!**



Proverbs 29:22

"A hot tempered man starts fights and gets into all kinds of trouble."



Proverbs 29:11 (nlt)

*Fools vent their anger, but
the wise quietly hold it back.*



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**3. Samson was a
careless person.**



Samson thought everything was a big game. He had a good time.

He was irresponsible. It was like *"How close to the fire can I get and not get burnt?"*



This is seen with his
relationship with Delilah in
Judges 16.



The third lesson we learn
from Samson's life is
**Strong people keep their
commitments!**



Look at the tragic results.

Judges 16:21(niv)

The champion of Israel becomes a clown, someone to make fun of. They took his eyes out and he lost everything. He lost it all. But God never gave up on Samson.



Judges 16:22 (niv)

**The good news about God is
that He gives people second
chances.**

Judges 16:23-30 (niv)

**It was the greatest
victory of his life.**



Three questions...

1. **What is out of control in your life?**
2. **Who are you resentful against?**
3. **What are you committed to?**

