

## HOW TO BE A STRONGER PERSON What God Can Do Through You - Part 3

**Judges 13:24** "The woman gave birth to a boy and named him Samson. He grew and the Lord blessed him."

### 3 CHARACTERISTICS THAT WILL WEAKEN YOUR LIFE:

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**Judges 14:1-3** "Samson went down to Timnah and saw a young Philistine woman. When he returned, he said to his father and mother, 'I've seen a Philistine woman in Timnah; now get her for me as a wife. His father and mother replied, 'Isn't there an acceptable woman among your relatives or among all our people? Must you go to the uncircumcised Philistines to get a wife?' But Samson said to his father, 'Get her for me. She's the right one for me. '"

A weak person's excuse: \_\_\_\_\_

**Galatians 6:7-8 (LB)** "Do not be misled. Remember that you cannot ignore God and get away with it. A man will always reap just the kind of crop he sows. If he sows to please his own desires, he will be planting seeds of evil and will surely reap a harvest of spiritual decay and death."

Strong people \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Corinthians 6:12b** "I will not let anything master me."

**Proverbs 25:28** "Anyone who lacks self control is like a city whose walls are broken down."

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**Judges 15:3** Samson said, "This time I have a right to get even with the Philistines."

**Judges 15:7** Samson said, "Since you acted like this I won't stop until I get my revenge on you."

**Judges 15:11** "He answered, 'I merely did to them what they did to me.'"

A weak person's excuse: \_\_\_\_\_

**Judges 15:3-5** "Samson said to them, 'This time I have a right to get even with the Philistines. I will really harm them.' So he went out and caught 300 foxes and tied them tail to tail in pairs. Then he fastened a torch to every pair of tails. He lit the torches and let the foxes loose standing in the grain of the Philistines and he burned up all the shocks and the standing grain together with the vineyards and olive groves."

**Judges 15:15** "He looked around and finding the fresh jawbone of a donkey he grabbed it and struck down a thousand men."

### **Strong people** \_\_\_\_\_

**Proverbs 29:22** "A hot tempered man starts fights and gets into all kinds of trouble."

**Proverbs 16:32** "It is better to be slow tempered than to be famous and to have self control than to control an army."

**Proverbs 29:11** "A fool gives full vent to his anger. But a man of understanding controls himself."

### **3.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Judges 13:3-5** "The angel of the Lord appeared to his parents and said, 'You're sterile and childless but you're going to conceive and have a son. Now see to it that you drink no wine or other fermented drink and that you do not eat anything unclean because you'll conceive and give birth to a son and no razor shall be used on his head because the boy is to be a Nazirite, set apart to God from birth. And he will begin the deliverance of Israel from the hands of the Philistines.'"

### **The weak person's excuse:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Judges 16:4-6** "Sometime later he fell in love with a woman in the valley of Sorek whose name was Delilah. The rulers of the Philistines went to her and said, 'See if you can lure him into showing you the secret of his great strength. We'll give you 1,000 shekles of silver.' So Delilah said to Samson, 'Tell me the secret of your great strength.'"

**Judges 16:16-17a** "And with such nagging, she prodded him day after day until he was tired to death. So he told her everything." And that was it.

**Judges 16:19-20** "Having put him to sleep on her lap, she called a man to shave off the seven braids of his hair and so began to subdue him and so his strength left him. Then she called, 'Samson, the Philistines are upon you.' He awoke from his sleep and thought 'I'll go out as before and shake myself free.' But he did not know that the Lord had left him."

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**Judges 16:21** "Then the Philistines seized him, gorged out his eyes, and took him down to Gaza, binding him with bronze shackles they set him to grinding in the prison."

**Judges 16:22** "But the hair on his head began to grow again after it had been shaved."