

"How the Mighty Have Fallen" **Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde**

"Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, holding on to faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith. Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan to be taught not to blaspheme."

1 Timothy 1:18-20 (NIV)

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"A certain man of Zorah, named Manoah, from the clan of the Danites, had a wife who was sterile and remained childless. The angel of the LORD appeared to her and said, 'You are sterile and childless, but you are 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 will conceive and give birth to a son. No razor may 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'"

Judges 13:2-5 (NIV)

**Please feel free to come down to the front
for prayer after service.
"...pray for one another..." James 5:16**

"The woman gave birth to a boy and named him Samson. He grew and the LORD blessed him."

Judges 13:24 (NIV)

1. Samson became careless. (carelessness is a subtle yet camouflaged trap)

"One day when Samson was in Timnah, he noticed a certain Philistine woman. When he returned home, he told his father and mother, 'I want to marry a young Philistine woman I saw in Timnah.' His father and mother objected strenuously, 'Isn't there one woman in our tribe or among all the Israelites you could marry? Why must you go to the pagan Philistines to find a wife?' But Samson told his father, 'Get her for me. She is the one I want.' His father and mother didn't realize the LORD was at work in this, creating an opportunity to disrupt the Philistines, who ruled over Israel at that time."

Judges 14:1-4 (NLT)

- **In what areas of your life are you careless?**
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2. Carelessness will give way to complacency.

Complacency: A feeling of contentment or self-satisfaction, especially when coupled with an unawareness of danger, trouble, or controversy.

3. Correct the blind spots in your life. (entice: to find an opening, kryptonite, Achilles)

"One day Samson went to the Philistine city of Gaza and spent the night with a prostitute. Word soon spread that Samson was there, so the men of Gaza gathered together and waited all night at the city gates. They kept quiet during the night, saying to themselves, 'When the light of morning comes, we will kill him.'"

Judges 16:1-2 (NLT)

- **What are your areas of weakness, and what are you doing to protect yourself?**
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4. Beware of boredom which leads to reckless behavior.

"Don't be misled. Remember that you can't ignore God and get away with it. You will always reap what you sow! Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful desires will harvest the consequences of decay and death. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. So don't get tired of doing what is good. Don't get discouraged and give up, for we will reap a harvest of blessing at the appropriate time."

Galatians 6:7-9 (NLT)

- **What activity or behavior is the enemy using to distract or destroy you?**
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5. Samson became deceived by foolishness and pride.

"Later Samson fell in love with a woman named Delilah, who lived in the valley of Sorek."

Judges 16:4 (NLT)

"Then she cried out, 'Samson! The Philistines have come to capture you!'"

Judges 16:20 (NLT)

"Fools think they need no advice, but the wise listen to others."

Proverbs 12:15 (NLT)