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## DEDICATION

I dedicate this book to every young man and lady who desires to avoid the mistakes Samson made.

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# INTRODUCTION

We shall be gleaning some wisdom from the mistakes of Samson.

*Experience, they say, is the best teacher* but I say **it is not always true.**

**Other people's experience** is the BEST teacher; because you get the lessons before taking the test, yes! Before you are faced with life's challenges.

However, if you do not learn from other people's experience and you decide to learn from your own experience, I'm sorry! **Your personal experience is the WORST teacher.** Learning from your own experience is like attending THE UNIVERSITY OF HARD KNOCK...

In the University of HARD KNOCK, you will be given an exam first before you are given the lessons.

**So, you will first of all fail, and then you will learn from your failures. That is the University of HARD KNOCK, also called the University of PERSONAL EXPERIENCE.**

I'm sure not all of you will like to attend that university; where you learn life's lessons after you must have received some HARD KNOCKS. Lols

**That is why you must always learn from the experiences of other people.**

*In this book, you shall be learning from the HARD KNOCK experiences of Samson.*

## ***Background***

The complete story of Samson is recorded in the Book of Judges chapters 13, 14, 15 & 16.

His parents were barren at a time when his country people were in slavery; so God needed someone to deliver his country



people, *the Israelites*, from slavery and sent an Angel to announce the birth of Samson. His parents were given specific instructions about Samson, how he should live his life. **He was to be a NAZARITE unto God from the womb.**

*A Nazarite must live a special life separated from any and every form of defilement.* You can read about this in the book of Numbers chapter 6; verse 8 says *“All the days of his separation he is holy unto the Lord”*.

This is because they will be used by the Spirit of God to fulfill God's purpose.

**Now how does this relate to you?**

Romans 15:4 says

*“Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”*

**Just like Samson**, you and I have also been called by God into the life of a Nazarite; see it here in 2Corinthians 6:17

*“...Come out from among them and be SEPARATE, says the Lord, and touch not the unclean things; and I will receive you.”*

**If you are born again, you are a Nazarite of God.** You can reaffirm it to yourself, say to yourself **I am a Nazarite of God.**

Because you are God's Nazarite, that's why you are here to learn from one of our Elder brother's mistakes.

Join me as I take you through a few of those mistakes and the lessons you can learn from it.

# THE MISTAKES OF SAMSON

## 1. *Samson Fell in Love with a Strange Woman*

Judge 14:2 says

*“He told his mother and his father, I have found A WOMAN OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE PHILISTINES: NOW GET HER FOR ME AS WIFE.”*

You may want to ask, *Is anything wrong with Samson’s marriage to a Philistine woman?*

Let me show you what God had commanded the people of Israel in Deuteronomy 7:3-4,

*“You shall not make marriages with them, ...because they will turn away your heart from following Me and I will be angry with you and destroy you suddenly.”*

That was the commandment that Brother Samson ignored and went to marry a woman who is not a child of God; *no wonder he died suddenly.*

*Now let me bring it home to you; what does the New Testament have to say about this matter?*

2Corinthians 6:14 says ***“Do not team up with those who are unbelievers...”***

Other version says ***“Do not be yoked together with an unbeliever...”***

For you a believer, God said you should NOT get into a relationship with anyone who is not a Christian; anyone who is not born again should not even be considered by you for marriage.

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Many young people today are making serious mistakes by getting into relationship with people who do not have the fear of God.

Settle this in your mind that **anyone who is not born again can never be the will of God for your life in marriage.**

*No matter how nice they are, how caring, how gentle or how generous; if they are not born again, if they do not love God, if they do not fear God, then they cannot be God's marriage partner for you.*

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Verse 17 says the reason why you should not marry an unbeliever is because **you are a specially separated person, a Nazarite.**

**Tell yourself, I am a special breed, I cannot marry anyhow!**

Some young people get into relationship with an unbeliever with the expectation that they will convert such person unto God; please don't make that mistake.

They will end up changing you; God said so in Deuteronomy 7:3-4,

*“You shall not make marriages with them, ...BECAUSE THEY WILL TURN AWAY YOUR HEART FROM FOLLOWING ME and I will be angry with you and destroy you suddenly.”*

I urge you in the name of the Lord, do not repeat the mistake of Samson, don't marry a Philistine!

## *2. Samson did not listen to his parents*

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His parents cautioned him concerning his desire for the strange woman but he replied them saying *“Get her for me; because she pleases me well”*.

That was the Genesis of his failures; his love for strange women destroyed him. Eventually he married the girl.

Shortly afterwards, the lady betrayed him, he dumped her because of the betrayal.

The father of the lady then gave her out to another man.

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That was how Samson lost his first wife; **If he had listened to his parents, all those would not happen to him.**

Ephesians 6:1-3 says *“Children, obey your PARENTS IN THE LORD, for this is right. Honor YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER – which is the first commandment with a promise – so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth”*.

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*When you don't obey your parents, you may not live long but you can claim the promise of God for long life and prosperity IF YOU OBEY THEM.*

**Note that the Bible passage above refers to TWO parents** (*Your Parents in the Lord and Your Father and Mother – Spiritual and Biological Parents*).

**In the choice of who to marry, seek the counsel of your parents and obey them.**

If they say don't do it, calmly ask them *why*?

**If their reasons are not selfish, please listen to them and obey them.**

*The voice of our parents, most times, is the voice of God.*

This is because they love you and they want the best for you.

The first time I told my Pastors and my mum about one lady I wanted to marry, they were not excited about it, instead they said I should continue to pray about it.



Eventually, God used them to save me from marrying wrongly.

No matter how spiritual you are, please submit yourself to the advice and the counsels of the good and godly people in your life.

Samson ignored this precious gifts (his parents) and he died prematurely. Please don't repeat the mistake of Samson.

LISTEN TO YOUR PARENTS

### *3. He did not learn from his first mistake*

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Shortly after he lost his first wife to another man, Samson went to a hotel to sleep with a harlot. *Did I here you say Ah!?* He probably did that because he was regretting his previous actions; maybe just for consolation

or to ease off some depression. He went to sleep with a harlot.

**As a Believer, don't allow one mistake to push you into another mistake.**

*Only a fool keeps making the same mistake over and over again.*

Samson was very much anointed but he did not learn from his mistakes.

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You might have entered into a relationship with an unbeliever, don't make the second mistake by indulging in Premarital sex.

**Instead, REPENT AND QUIT THE RELATIONSHIP. When you do that then you are wise!**

Your own mistake maybe that you have involved yourself in premarital sex once or twice or more; don't continue to make the same mistake. **Repent, turn to God for**

**forgiveness and QUIT THE SINFUL RELATIONSHIP. That is wisdom!**

God will forgive and accept you.

Maybe you got pregnant from premarital sex, **DON'T CONTEMPLATE AN ABORTION; Don't add sin to sin! God will take care of you and the baby in your womb.**

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Only repent, and turn to God for mercy. Quit the sinful relationship and hold on to God for restoration. **Wise people do not continue to sin against God, rather they go to God to confess their mistakes.**

When you notice you are running in the wrong direction, the wise thing to do is to **STOP AND MAKE A U-TURN!**

**It is madness to increase your speed when you have missed your way**

## 4. Samson was a lone ranger

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All through the four chapters of his records, he was always alone.

**He had no mentor, no spiritual guide and he did not even listen to his parents. No priest or prophet to guide or instruct him; He was ranging all alone.**

The Bible says in Ecclesiastes 4:10 “... *Woe unto him that is alone because when he falls, he has no one to help him up*”.

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That was the case with Samson.

Now listen, **if Satan wants to destroy you, the first thing he will do is to separate you from anyone who can give you godly counsels.**

Satan knows that **in the multitude of counselors, there's safety**, which is why he

will first remove all your sources of Godly instructions before hitting you hard and knocking you down.

Several examples abound in scriptures of those who fell like Samson when they were alone;

*Eve was alone when Satan got her to eat the deadly fruit;*

*David was alone when he saw the woman who was taking her bath and committed adultery with her;*

*Peter was alone when he denied Jesus Christ three times;*

*Judas too betrayed Jesus after he left the company of the disciples... And so on!*

Now let me instruct you;

**Don't pick up quarrels with your parents, you need them; don't play into Satan's hand. Don't say that your parents are now**

*old school*; no matter how *old school* they are; they are still wiser than you.

**Don't pick up quarrels with your siblings**, you need them; yield not to the temptation. They may be overbearing and disturbing but a time is coming when they will save you from troubles like the cousin of Apostle Paul saved him from assassination in Acts 23:12-22. Proverbs 17:17 says “... *a brother (and sister) is born for a time of adversity*”. They are there to help you during your troubles.

**Don't separate from your church leaders** who are godly people, you need them; separating from them is like scoring a goal for your opponent.

Hebrews 13:7 says, “*Remember your leaders, those who have spoken the Word of God to you; follow their faith while you watch their way of life closely.*”

Verse 17 says *“Obey those who are your leaders and submit yourself to them; because they watch over your souls like people who must give an account about your life; so that they can give the account with joy and not with grieve...”*

**Don't pick up quarrels with your godly friends, none can compare with them. The Bible says in Proverbs 17:17 that *“A friend loveth at all times...”***

**Don't obey the voice of Satan by fighting with godly people in your life.**

They are God's gift for you to keep you focused and to prevent you from self-destruction.

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**Remember, if Satan wants to destroy a child of God, the first thing he will do is to separate him or her from anyone who could give godly counsels or instructions.**

That was what happened to Samson, don't repeat the same error!

### *5. He lacked self-control*

Another word for self-control is **Self-discipline** or self-mastery.

**Self-Control is your ability to do what you should do, when you should do it, whether you feel like doing it or not.**

He was full of lustful desire after women, strange women for that matter; **and his lust destroyed him.**

His lust for strange women might be because he did not like the moderate way the women of Israel dressed; unlike the Philistine women who were likely dressing seductively.



Unfortunately, many young men are falling for the seductive dressings of unbelieving ladies today. **Please remember Samson!**

**It is not wrong to have an erection or to have sexual urges** but when you allow yourself to be controlled by your erection and sexual urge; your life will be messed up.

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**You must repent of your lustful desires and develop self-discipline through the grace of God.**

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Samson lived a loose life.

Apart from marrying and sleeping with strange women, he was also touching dead bodies (*the dead lion he killed*), which God instructed him not to do, as a Nazarite.

His lack of self-control eventually led him to Delilah who brought him down.

Proverbs 25:28 says *“A person without self-control is like a city with broken-down walls”*.

When you don't have self-control, you will be opening up yourself for satanic attacks.

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Ecclesiastes 10:8 says *“If you break your wall, you will be bitten by a serpent”*.

MY BELOVED BRETHREN, KEEP YOURSELF TIGHT; DON'T LIVE A CARELESS LIFE!

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Through the grace of God, put your emotions, urges and erections under control.

### **Don't repeat the mistakes of Samson**

*If you are not ready for marriage, you don't need a romantic relationship.* Face your studies and your career. Add values to your life instead of looking for a girlfriend or boyfriend.

Don't even attempt premarital sex because it will ruin your life.

Keep yourself pure. Zip up until you marry.

If you are married, don't look for someone else outside; your life will be messed up if you do!

Don't repeat the mistake of Samson!

## *6. He was secretive*

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Many things he did, his parents were not aware; if he had told them those things, they might have cautioned him and maybe he wouldn't have died when he died. **Being secretive is not always the best, especially when you want to make some important decisions.**

Any relationship you enter that you do not want your parents, pastors or leaders to know about will likely land you in trouble.

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**Do not allow any guy to cage you in a secret relationship;** sin thrives in secret. Evil thrives in the dark.

**Those who do the right thing have nothing to hide.**

*Whenever you don't want people who matter to you know what you want to do, watch it! It is likely you're doing the wrong thing.*

You can be reserved but don't be secretive! Whenever you discover something is not right with you, cry out for help!

The tendency is there for you to hide your mistakes but if you don't want to continue on the path of errors, open up! Someone will always be there to help, to guide and to instruct you in the right way.

## 7. *He wasn't having fellowship with God*

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Samson prayed only twice, and it was when he was in trouble.

The first time, he was about to die of thirst so he called on God and God gave him water miraculously.

The second time was his last prayer just before he died.

**Living your Christian life WITHOUT Christ IS NOT POSSIBLE;** it is the worst experiment anyone will conduct in life; because it can NEVER be productive.

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Jesus says in John 15:4 *“Without Me, you can do nothing...”*

Develop a vibrant relationship with God.  
Get ravaged by the love of God.

Let your heart pant and long after God like that of David in Psalm 42:1&2.

Like David in Psalms 63, cry and say *“Oh GOD, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You ...to see Your power and Your glory...”*

**Don't be an emergency Christian who only calls on God when in trouble.**

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Follow hard after God!

Make God your everything; before you take any decision, always consult God.

Make it a habit to read your Bible to gain more knowledge about God and His will.

**It pays to serve Jesus, I speak from my heart.**

When you do not have a personal, intimate relationship with God through Jesus Christ,

you stand a great risk of making mistakes in life.

That was the error of Samson. He was strong but forgot God, and only remembered Him during his time of trouble.

God answered his prayer and he overcame his enemies **but he sustained so much injuries**; he lost his eyes, he became a ridicule in the presence of his enemies, they made mockery of him and he eventually died with his enemy.

All those mistakes would have been averted if he had an intimate relationship with God.

We are instructed in Colossians 2:6-7

*“And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow Him. Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him. Then*

*your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness”.*



# THE LAST STRAW THAT BROKE THE CAMEL'S BACK

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## *Samson married Delilah*

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Delilah eventually brought his destiny to a sudden end.

**You see, you might have been playing with sin for a long time, you need to repent urgently because the sin you are about to commit maybe the last you will commit.**

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I attended to one 52-year-old woman in one of our Gynecology clinics as a medical student; she started having premarital sex at age 18, and by the time she was 29 years old, she already had 8 abortions.

The 8th abortion was the last she had and since then she never got pregnant again.

As at the time I was talking with her, she just married the third husband; the first two husbands she had sent her packing because she could not get pregnant for them.

Then at 52, she hadn't been able to get pregnant after all the efforts she made to get at least one. The last time she got pregnant was at the age of 29 years after eight (8) aborted pregnancies.

If she knew that would be her last pregnancy, I am sure she wouldn't have aborted it. She was full of regrets and begging God for mercy at the time she was talking with me. Unfortunately, she was already in menopause.

She made the same mistakes of Samson who did not know it was going to end the way it ended and at the time it ended.

**No one who sleeps on the lap of Delilah can survive her attack.** It is better not to even sleep on it at all.

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You don't play with Delilah and think you can outsmart her; Delilah is far smarter than you and she is on a mission to destroy your destiny, Ask Samson!

Delilah will make you sleep comfortably on her lap until you sleep off.

Don't say you know the right time to stand up from her lap because by the time you wake up, you will discover how foolish you have been.

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**Delilah is sin and sin is Delilah! Don't play with sin!**

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Delilah can be a man and she can be a woman; they all have the same mission; to destroy you, a child of God.

Anyone who is not born again but wants to have a romantic relationship with you is Delilah.

Anyone who is seducing you to have premarital sexual affairs is Delilah.

Anyone who is married but still wants a sexual relationship with you is Delilah.

Anyone who claims to be born again but still wants to fondle, kiss and caress you is a Delilah.

Anyone who reduces your spiritual commitment and who makes you lose your grace as a Christian is Delilah.

Delilah is a fire extinguisher! Don't allow her or him to extinguish you!

Delilah is NOT playing with you, she's on a mission, don't play with her!

Don't play with sin! Don't play with Satan! He is older than you. People who are smarter and stronger and more spiritual than you have been subdued by Satan in the past; don't experiment with the devil!

William Shakespeare said, **“If you want to eat with the devil, you must get a long spoon”**.

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But the Bible says you should not even eat at all with the devil, instead **you should resist him and he will get away from you.** (James 4:7)

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No matter how long your spoon is, the devil will still outwit you.

**Don't play with sin! Sin will take you farther than you wanted to go; it will keep you longer than you wanted to stay; and it will cost you more than you wanted to pay.**

What should you do to sin, especially youthful lust?

Like Joseph in Genesis 39:11-12, RUN! Don't think or negotiate with it... RUN! The only grace God promised to give you when it comes to youthful lust is the grace to Flee!

# SAMSON WON THE WAR

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*Samson repented at the last minute*

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Yes! He lost SO MANY battles but he eventually won the war. You also might have been losing battles against sins, self and Satan, you can also win the war like Samson did.

Your past does not define you; what defines your destiny is the decision you make about eternity.

Remember the condemned criminal on the cross in Luke 23:39-43, **he made a decision at the last minute and that decision earned him a place in paradise.** Not one of his criminal acts were ever remembered.

When Samson was about to die, he called on God! God is merciful; He will always

forgive anyone who calls on Him for pardon.

The Bible says *“Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved”*.  
(Romans 10:13)

It does not matter how you have messed things up; maybe your life is upside down and you're confused about what to do;

**Repent and turn to God, Samson did that; you too can do it!**

*Samson married a wrong woman, lost his wife to another man, slept with a harlot, married another strange woman who betrayed him; he lost his strength, he lost his two eyes and was eventually chained, awaiting death.*

His life was a mess but AT LAST, he called upon the Lord and God answered him.



He was completely forgiven and not a trace of his sins were ever mentioned in the Bible afterwards.

In the record of people in the **HALL OF FAME** of God, Samson was one of them. In Hebrews 11:32-34; none of his mistakes was mentioned. All his sins were forgiven and forgotten. Read about him here;

*“How much more do I need to say? IT WOULD TAKE TOO LONG TO RECOUNT THE STORIES OF THE FAITH OF Gideon, Barak, SAMSON, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and all the prophets.”*

*“By faith these people overthrew kingdoms, ruled with justice, and received what God had promised them. THEY SHUT THE MOUTHS OF LIONS, quenched the flames of fire, and escaped death by the edge of the sword. THEIR WEAKNESS WAS TURNED TO STRENGTH. THEY BECAME STRONG”*

*IN BATTLE and put whole armies to flight". (NLT)*

That was the final record about Samson; Delilah was forgotten. All the atrocities with the harlot were forgotten; the Bible Says *by faith, Samson overthrew kingdoms, ruled with justice, and received what God had promised him; he shut the mouths of lions, quenched the flames of fire, and escaped death by the edge of the sword. His weakness was turned to strength.*

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In Acts 17:30 says

*"All the sins of the past, God has overlooked but has now commanded everyone everywhere to repent".*

You might have been following the downward path like Samson; don't continue on that dangerous road, **STOP! AND MAKE A U-TURN** back to God.

Confess your sins to God. Ask for forgiveness. Believe in Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord. Then go and sin no more!

Correct your ways, join the other people of God in any Bible based local church nearest to you.

**I look forward to your testimony of a changed life. Amen.**

**THE END**