

Tears of a Strong Man

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

Colossians 3:2-5

I. Strong Men Tend to _____

A. This Trait Defined Samson's Life

1. Samson's story begins (and ultimately ends) because of this tendency of his...

Judges 14:1-2

Judges 16:1, 4

2. The most difficult part of any discussion on this topic is its definition.

- a. For example – “When does admiration for a beautiful woman end, and *lust* begins?”

Matthew 5:28

2 Timothy 2:22

Matthew 13:17

B. This Trait Causes Two Grave Mistakes!

1. Mistake #1 – It Causes a Person to Ignore _____.
 - a. When Samson mentioned this girl, his parents responded by bringing up her spiritual heritage/religion.

Judges 14:3

- b. But Samson's parents were concerned about obeying God.

Deuteronomy 7:2-4

1 Kings 11:4-5

Hebrews 13:4

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

2. Mistake #2 - It Causes a Person to Ignore God's Plan _____.
- a. God's plan for mankind is for us to use *reason* when we are faced with these situations.
- b. Therefore, God designed human sexuality & animal sexuality to be quite different from each other.
- c. Animals, however, act solely on the basis of instinct.
- d. Putting this all together, God intended for human intimacy to be vastly different from animals.

1 Corinthians 6:16, 18

C. A "3 - Step" Plan of Action

1. Step #1 – First, _____!
- a. Two early church scholars misunderstood what Jesus said in Matthew 19:12!

Proverbs 4:23

Ephesians 4:22-24

Psalm 32:3-5

2. Step #2 – Second, _____!

2 Timothy 2:22

Genesis 39:12

James 4:7

3. Step #3 – Third, _____!!
- a. Last week we learned the strong man's motto, "I can handle it" was not true for Samson, nor for us!!!

Galatians 6:1-2

CONCLUSIONS:

Jams 4:7-8

1 Corinthians 6:11

Acts 22:16, 1 Peter 1:16; Psalm 132:9; 1 Peter 2:9