

# Tears of a Strong Man

## HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

## SERMON NOTES

JUDGES 14:10-15

### I. Strong Men Overestimate Their Own Cleverness

#### A. Enemies of Discernment

1. **Enemy #1** – \_\_\_\_\_

- a. This caused Samson to over-estimate his own abilities and under-estimate his opponents.

Proverbs 16:18

- b. Jesus religious adversaries had this same problem.

Mark 15:10

2. **Enemy #2** – \_\_\_\_\_

- A. After Samson's enemies answered his riddle . . . !

Proverbs 24:7

Judges 14:19

- b. Jesus enemies felt this same way after He healed a disabled man in a synagogue on the Sabbath.

Mark 3:5-6

3. **Enemy #3** – \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Both Samson and his enemies suffered from this...

- b. Jesus enemies didn't want to give up the power & authority they had over the nation of Israel.

Luke 12:15

4. **Enemy #4** – \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Weakness in just one of these areas could be enough for us to make some very foolish decisions...!

Proverbs 27:12

James 4:17

## B. Three Secrets of Discernment!

1. First, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Early in life Jesus saw God's *purpose* . . .

Luke 2:49

Matthew 26:39

Genesis 1:31

John 2:24

Luke 13:34

- b. Jesus became an example so that you & I might learn how to be pleasing unto God.

John 5:19

John 12:49-50

1 Peter 4:11

Galatians 2:20

2. Second, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Speaks of the goal of life!

Matthew 18:21

John 14:3

Hebrews 12:2

- b. If we then are to show discernment, then the decisions we make will have heaven in mind!

Philippians 3:13-14

2 Timothy 4:8

3. Third, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Jesus fulfilled God's purpose, which is why He was able to say . . .

Luke 23:46

John 19:30

### CONCLUSIONS:

Mark 16:15-16