

I Did It My Way Judges 21

- I. **Extremism – No Restraint in battle** (Judges 20:43 – 21:6)
 - A. Extreme destruction of life in the war with Benjamin (20:43-48)
 - B. Extreme vow to never marry Benjamites (21:1)
 - C. Extreme vow to kill anyone who didn't come to fight Benjamin (21:5)
 - D. Results: The felt regret and grief because the tribe of Benjamin was almost wiped out (21:2-4,6)

- II. **Impulsiveness – Not seeking God** (Judges 21:7-24)
 - A. Impulsive idea of killing everyone in Jabesh-Gilead and sparing the virgins as wives for the Benjamites (21:7-14)
 - B. Impulsive idea of stealing women from Shiloh to provide more wives for Benjamites (21:15-24)
 - C. Results: They ravished families, young women, and then had to rationalize what they had done (21:22).
 - Foolish decisions result when we act on our emotions.
 - Sin complicates things so there seems to be no good solution.

- III. **Independence – No leadership or wisdom** (Judges 21:25)
 - A. No King – Lack of leadership: They were not accountable to the counsel of wise people with the big picture.
 - B. As he saw fit – Lack of wisdom: They independently did what they thought best instead of seeking God and waiting on His will.