

Samson: Ability without Maturity

Judges 14, 15:1-8

- I. **Romance based on emotions: Samson wants a wife who is not godly (14:1-4)**
 - The immature are controlled romantically by beauty and emotions instead of godliness (Proverbs 31:30).

- II. **Ignoring spiritual commitments: Samson violates his Nazirite vow (14:5-9)**
 - The immature flippantly ignore spiritual commitments they've made to God (James 4:17).

- III. **Trying to prove we're something: Samson wagers foolishly with a riddle (14:10-14)**
 - The immature use God's gifts to them as a way to brag or impress others (1 Corinthians 4:7).

- IV. **Manipulated by others: Samson gives in to the pleadings of his disloyal wife (14:15-18)**
 - Immature choices lead to unintended consequences (Judges 14:17; 15: 6; Proverbs 14:12).

- V. **Retaliating in anger: Samson retaliates violently against the Philistines (14:19-15:8).**
 - God accomplishes His purposes in spite of the immature actions of His people (Genesis 50:20).