

Indulging Weaknesses

Judges 13:24-25

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²⁴ “Then the woman gave birth to a son and named him Samson; and the child grew up and the LORD blessed him.

²⁵ And the Spirit of the LORD began to stir him in Mahaneh-dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.”

At the moment of salvation, a person becomes a brand-new creation and is set apart for God’s purposes ([2 Corinthians 5:17](#)).

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NASB)

¹⁷ “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is a new creature*; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.”

The heavenly Father has a specific plan for the life of every believer ([Ephesians 2:10](#)), and He provides each of His children with whatever is needed to accomplish that plan ([2 Peter 1:3](#)).

Ephesians 2:10 (NASB)

¹⁰ “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.”

2 Peter 1:3 (NASB)

³ “Seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.”

Consider the life of Samson. At the time of his birth, Israel was under Philistine rule. In that wicked culture, “**everyone did what was right in his own eyes**” ([Judges 21:25](#)). God ordained that Samson be set apart for His service—he was the one who would “**begin to deliver Israel from the hands of the Philistines**” ([Judges 13:5](#)). To prepare Samson for this important mission, the Lord gave him godly parents, an upbringing uncontaminated by the culture, and incredible human strength. Samson was greatly blessed as he matured, and he became judge over Israel, with the authority to carry out the Lord’s will.

Samson was equipped with everything he needed to fulfill the Lord’s purpose. However, he had a weakness—lust—which he chose to indulge, and it eventually led to his downfall. As a result, he ended up a prisoner and was no longer in a position to fulfill his God-given purpose.

Our spiritual equipping includes the ability to resist giving in to our weaknesses. But we must be willing to turn away from temptation and follow the Lord. Samson had enormous potential to do good on behalf of God, and so do we. But he chose sin and suffered the consequences. Which will you choose today—turning to God for help or indulging your weakness?