



# Life Blueprints

The Giant of Lust Part II  
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### **Judges 16:21-31 NASB**

Then the Philistines seized him and gouged out his eyes; and they brought him down to Gaza and bound him with bronze chains, and he was a grinder in the prison. [22] However, the hair of his head began to grow again after it was shaved off.

[23] Now the lords of the Philistines assembled to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god, and to rejoice, for they said,

"Our god has given Samson our enemy into our hands."

[24] When the people saw him, they praised their god, for they said,

"Our god has given our enemy into our hands,

Even the destroyer of our country,

Who has slain many of us."

[25] It so happened when they were in high spirits, that they said, "Call for Samson, that he may amuse us." So they called for Samson from the prison, and he entertained them. And they made him stand between the pillars. [26] Then Samson said to the boy who was holding his hand, "Let me feel the pillars on which the house rests, that I may lean against them." [27] Now the house was full of men and women, and all the lords of the Philistines were there. And about 3,000 men and women were on the roof looking on while Samson was amusing them. [28] Then Samson called to the Lord and said, "O Lord God, please remember me and please strengthen me just this time, O God, that I may at once be avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes." [29] And Samson grasped the two middle pillars on which the house rested, and braced himself against them, the one with his right hand and the other with his left. [30] And Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines!" And he bent with all his might so that the house fell on the lords and all the people who were in it. So the dead whom he killed at his death were more than those whom he killed in his life. [31] Then his brothers and all his father's household came down, took him, brought him up, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of Manoah his father. Thus he had judged Israel twenty years.

Some people sow their wild oats all week long, then pray for a crop failure on Sunday.

Samson had sown his wild oats. Now, the crop was ripe. No crop failure here.

Samson's continual life of compromise caught up with him.

His Delilah episode had now brought him down.

He revealed to her the secret of his power.

His hair was cut--and was seized by the enemy.

Now, let's note how we can deal specifically with the problem of Lust.

**I. IF YOU'VE GIVEN INTO LUST, IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE OVER.**

Samson is now in prison. They have gouged out his eyes and have made him a slave grinding grain. Now they move him into the arena and to laugh at him. He was the entertainment and would become the sacrifice for their god, Dagon.

**Let's notice four principles from the life of Samson.**

**1. GOD'S DISCIPLINE IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME, UNLESS YOU CONFESS.**

Ask Samson. He is now seeing God intervene and discipline him. It's simply going to happen. Bank on it. Be sure. It's a promise from God to every child of God who has stepped out of God's will and persists in staying out of His will.

**Hebrews 12:6a NASB**

**For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines.**

God will intervene in order to correct us. When we obey God, He pats us on the back, when we disobey Him He still pats us on the back, only lower and little harder.

But there is a way to stop the discipline. How? Confess your sin. Repent of your disobedience. Get right with God. Go back to the Cross. Don't wait. When you sin, run to the Cross.

**2. THE CONSEQUENCES OF GIVING INTO LUST ARE INESCAPABLE.**

Yes, God forgives, but the consequences will still be there. There are not scar-less sins. There is no escaping the law of reaping what you sow (Galatians 6:7-8).

**Galatians 6:7-8 NASB**

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. [8] For the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit shall from the Spirit reap eternal life.

### **Judges 16:21 NASB**

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Samson was chained. Sins always brings a chain. Sin makes you a slave, a prisoner. When a Christian gives into lust, it gives those without God, without Christ, an opportunity to point a finger and say, "Jesus Christ, so what!" It gives them a reason to hang onto their un-faith.

God forgave Samson, but he still had his eyes gouged out.

### **3. GOD HASN'T GIVEN UP ON YOU.**

He didn't give up on Samson and He hasn't given up on you.  
He still loved Samson and He still loves you.  
He's the God of a second chance, the God of another chance.  
God is still there. He hasn't given up on you.  
God's grace is greater than what you have done.  
No matter what you have done, God can and will forgive you.  
Here's how we know that God hadn't given up on Samson.

### **Judges 16:22 NASB.**

However, the hair of his head began to grow again after it was shaved off.

It's the verse that every man losing his hair claims.

### **4. REACH OUT TO GOD AGAIN.**

You can always come back home to God.

### **Judges 16:28-31 NASB**

Then Samson called to the Lord and said, "O Lord God, please remember me and please strengthen me just this time, O God, that I may at once be avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes." [29] And Samson grasped the two middle pillars on which the house rested, and braced himself against them, the one with his right hand and the other with his left. [30] And Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines!" And he bent with all his might so that the house fell on the lords and all the people who were in it. So the dead whom he killed at his death were more than those whom he killed in his life. [31] Then his brothers and all his father's household came down, took him, brought him up, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of Manoah his father. Thus he had judged Israel twenty years.

Pray. Call on God. Seek His will again.  
Forgiveness can be a reality for you, not just wishful thinking.  
Pour out your heart to Him. Rely on the Lord.  
Trust God's Word and not your feelings.  
Believe that God will use you again.

Learn from your failures. Get back up again.  
Like Samson, re-commit your life to God. Any price you pay is worth it.  
Forgive yourself. That's vital to getting on with your life.  
If God forgives you—and He will, if you repent—  
what right do you have to not forgive you? Tell yourself, "I forgive you."