

Sunday Morning | February 5, 2017

FOUNDATIONS



HOW TO AVOID SPIRITUAL FAILURE

EPHESIANS 3:16 (NLT) "I pray that from His glorious, unlimited resources God will give you mighty inner strength through His Holy Spirit."

TRUTH: Biblically, spiritual strength is lost by attitudes and habits.

The Three Traps of Samson's life:

I. THE TRAP OF SELF-INDULGENCE, Judges 14:1-20

FIRST TRAP: Making life decisions based on pleasure rather than principle

TRUTH: To be spiritually strong you must discipline your desires (1 Peter 4:1-2 GN).

II. THE TRAP OF RESENTMENT, Judges 15

INSIGHT: Samson saw himself as a victim, and his default emotions were anger and resentment.

TRUTH: Resentment is a leak in the boat of your life that will eventually sink you (Job 5:2).

TRUTH: To be strong in spirit you must control your reactions (Proverbs 29:11).

III. THE TRAP OF CARELESSNESS, Judges 16:1-20

TRUTH: To be strong spiritually you have to develop good habits (Ephesians 6:10 TEV).

IV. GET WITH GOD EVERY DAY.

WHY? You need a daily quiet time for guidance (Psalm 25:4).

HOW? Luke 5:16

THE RESULT: John 15:7

TRUTH: A key to answered prayer is time alone with God.

V. CORPORATE WORSHIP / LIFE GROUP EVERY WEEK

WHY? Hebrews 10:25

TRUTH: Without the faith of others, your faith will weaken.

HOW? Acts 5:42

THE RESULT: Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

VI. GIVE A TITHE EVERY WEEKEND.

WHY? Matthew 6:21; Deuteronomy 14:23 (LB)

HOW? 1 Corinthians 16:2 (LB)

THE RESULT: Malachi 3:10