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# STRONGEST MAN IN THE WORLD?

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# CHUMPS & CHAMPS

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*Check Out  
My Flex*

Judges 16:23-30 &  
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1



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**Judges 16:23-30**



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## **Samson**

- Not faithful to his Nazirite vows
- Immoral relations with women
- Stubborn & lack of self-control
- Vengeful
- Never subdued oppressors

Judges 13-16  
Hebrews 11:32



**Wise people learn from the  
examples of others.**

**We gain wisdom  
by observing  
good & bad examples.**



(Proverbs 9:9)



**Our best  
examples show us  
how to live  
like Jesus.**

1 Corinthians  
10:30–11:1

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## DISCERNMENT QUESTIONS

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**How does their behavior  
ALIGN with the whole  
revelation of Holy Scripture?**

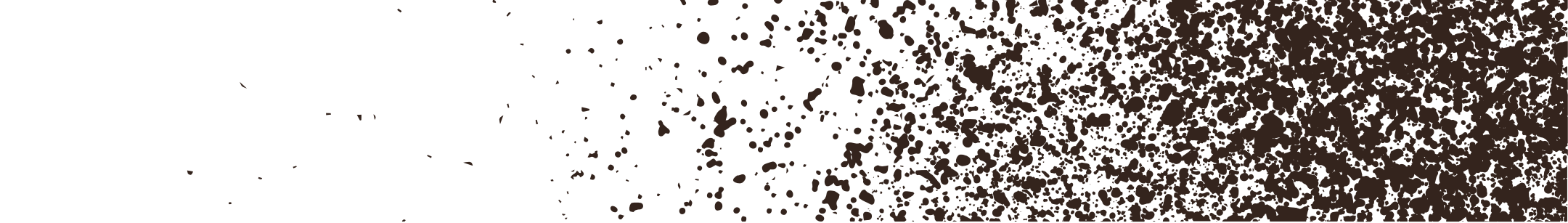
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**Do they aim to BRING glory to  
God (or to others), rather than  
to self?**

3

**Do their words & actions  
create greater  
CHRISTLIKENESS?**





*I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return. May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.*

Philippians 1:9–11, NLT



# Sermon Extras} About Judges

1

## Disobedience

*The people repeatedly do “evil in the Lord’s sight.”*

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## Oppression

*An unbelieving nation influences, bullies, & overwhelms the people.*

3

## Crying Out

*The people turn to God for help.*

4

## Deliverance

*A “judge” is used by God to defeat the oppressors.*

5

## Peace

*There is a period of peace in the land.*

# The Judges Cycle

*The book of Judges features this recurring structure, which ends up being more of a downward spiral than simply “history repeating itself.” In addition to illustrating the importance of remaining faithful to God, the book builds a case for the need for a God-chosen king to unify the people in faith.*

# Sermon Extras} Map



*Exact location/tribe of some judges is unknown.  
This representes one educated guess.*

# Sermon Extras} Holy War?

*One of the difficulties in reading the book of Judges is all the warfare. In the ancient Near East, war was a fact of life; yet, God's people were supposed to do it differently.*



## Defensive

For the israelites, war was supposed to be defensive in nature, not imperialistic.



## Not-for-Profit

Unlike other nations, God forbade the Israelites from profiting privately from the spoils of war.



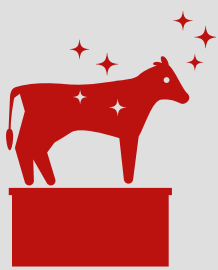
## Volunteers

Instead of a professional army, God directed the Israelites to respond with volunteer militias.



## God's Glory

Battles were to be led by God. Glory for victories was to be God's, not a human's.



## Means of Purity

Defeating other nations militarily was deemed the best way to protect the people from ungodly influences.



## Assimilation or Eviction

Terms of peace & assimilation were supposed to be offered first, and when rejected, the goal was often to kick them out of "the promised land," not kill them off.