

# REACHING YOUR FULL POTENTIAL

## TEXT: JUDGES 13:1-5

Our text says that Samson would begin to deliver Israel. What a contrast between him and the Apostle Paul who finished the course (2Tim. 4:7).

It is tragic when someone begins well but never reaches his full potential. The story of Samson gives us three *reasons* why he only began to deliver Israel and teaches us three lessons to enable us to reach our full potential in Jesus Christ.

### I. **SAMSON BEGAN GOOD BUT FAILED BECAUSE HE CHANGED HIS PRIORITIES.**

#### A. **At first, God was number one.**

1. A Nazarite from birth.
2. Raised in a godly home.

#### B. **But satisfying fleshly desires became more important.**

1. The woman of Timnah.
2. The honeycomb in the lion carcass.

#### C. **We will never reach our full potential as a child of God if God is not first in your life.**

## **II. SAMSON BEGAIN GOOD BUT FAILED BECAUSE HE LOST HIS IDENTITY.**

### **A. He was called to be the champion of Israel.**

1. Forgot he was special.
2. In associating with the Philistines, became like them.

### **B. Many Christians seem to have an identity crisis.**

1. Remember *who* you are.
2. Remember *whose* you are.

## **III. SAMSON BEGAIN GOOD BUT FAILED BECAUSE HE FORGOT ABOUT ETERNITY.**

### **A. He began to live only for the moment.**

### **B. We will all give an account of our lives before the Lord.**

## **CONCLUSION**

If you want to reach your full potential you must

- 1) Keep God as first priority
- 2) Remember your identity
- 3) Live with an eye on eternity.

The way you are living today, does it have eternal value? Or is it eternal waste? Don't forget about eternity.