

# *D*istractions



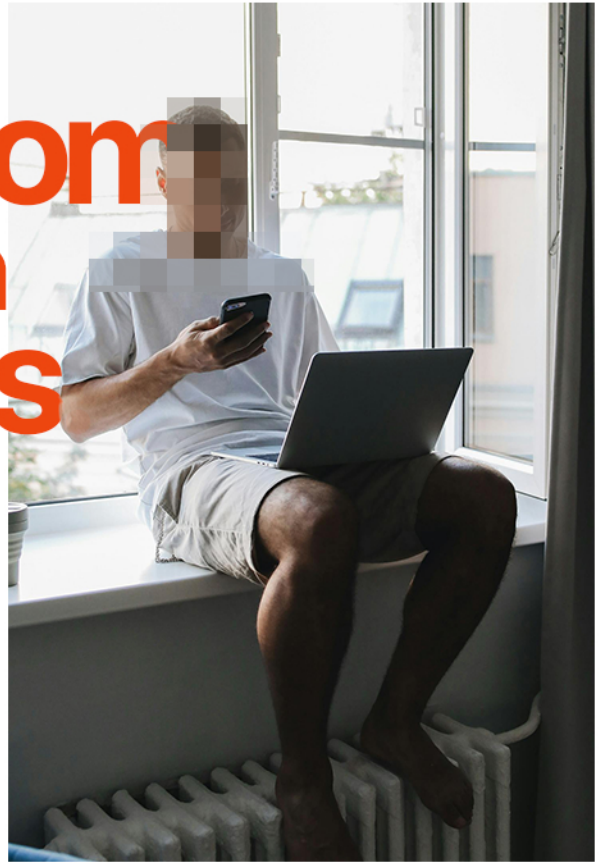
Distractions will take you away from your purpose.  
There are distractions put in your life by the Devil.  
The interesting thing about distractions is that you  
don't know that they are distractions.

# Everything from God comes with instructions

## Instructions from God

*Instructions to his mother* **Judges 13:5**

*We are all created with purpose and  
everything with purpose has instructions  
attached it.* **Judges 13:12-14**



# Blessings from God that are not managed well are:

1. Lost
2. Become a curse/your downfall
  - Samson did not know how to manage what God had given him, so he lost it. It became his downfall because the gift from God to his life became the reason why the Philistines were after him and why Delilah came into his life.

*“Some time later Samson fell in love with a woman named Delilah, who lived in the valley of Sorek. The rulers of the Philistines went to her and said, “Entice Samson to tell you what makes him so strong and how he can be overpowered and tied up securely. Then each of us will give you 1,100 pieces of silver.” So Delilah said to Samson, “Please tell me what makes you so strong and what it would take to tie you up securely.”*

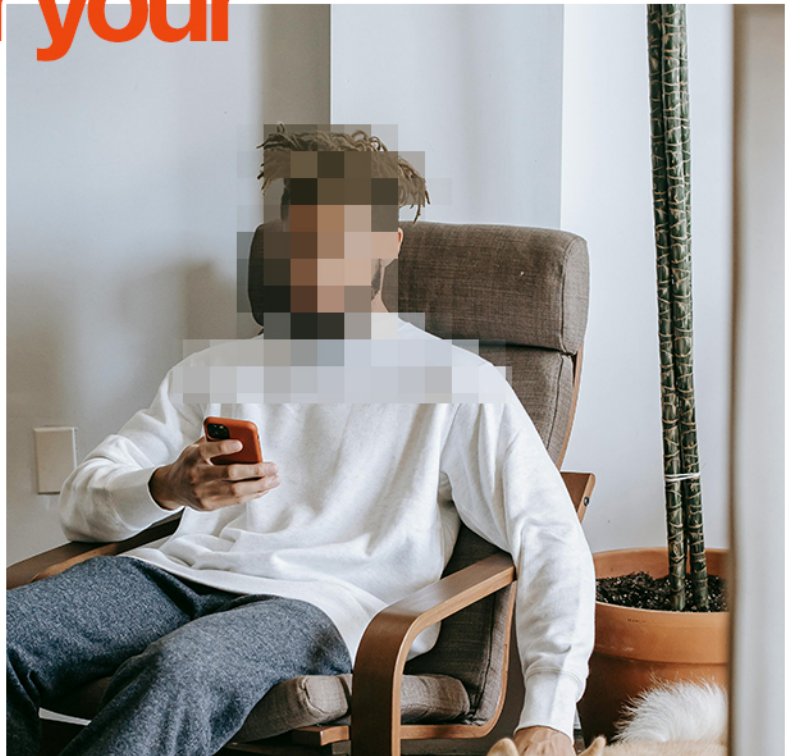
**Judges 16:4-6 NLT**

**If you don't learn to recognize distractions, they will end up killing you.  
Kill distractions before distractions kill you.**

# Don't compromise the source of your Power

*“Finally, Samson shared his secret with her. “My hair has never been cut,” he confessed, “for I was dedicated to God as a Nazirite from birth. If my head were shaved, my strength would leave me, and I would become as weak as anyone else.”*

**Judges 16:17 NLT**



**Never let anything come in between you and the secret place. Don't compromise your prayer life for anyone.**

# the Spirit of God can leave a Person

*“Delilah put Samson to sleep with his head in her lap, and then she called in a man to shave off the seven locks of his hair. In this way she began to bring him down, and his strength left him. Then she cried out, “Samson! The Philistines have come to capture you!” When he woke up, he thought, “I will do as before and shake myself free.” But he didn’t realize the Lord had left him.”*

**Judges 16:19-20 NLT**

*Then the Lord said, “My Spirit will not put up with[a] humans for such a long time, for they are only mortal flesh. In the future, their normal lifespan will be no more than 120 years.”*

**Genesis 6:3**

**Distractions**  
will lead you to lose sight  
of what you are called  
to do. *Where* you're going



*“So the Philistines captured him and gouged out his eyes. They took him to Gaza, where he was bound with bronze chains and forced to grind grain in the prison.”*

**Judges 16:21 NLT**

Notice that God used Samson on occasion. Just because God uses a person on occasion doesn't mean that, that person is walking in the will of God.

God had a purpose for Samson, He was supposed to fight the Philistines and rescue the people of God. A distraction kept from fulfilling his complete purpose.

*The devils goal is to get you to stop fighting. Samson wasn't fighting philistines anymore. He was tied down and walking in circles.*

**When you get distracted, you will walk in circles in life without purpose reminiscing on what "could have been"**

God is a God of second chances.  
It's not too late to come back and regain focus.

*“But before long, his hair began to grow back.”* **Judges 16:22 NLT**

