

**Compromising God's Plan**  
*a lack of*  
**Lessons in ^ Self-Control Pt 8**  
**Judges 16:15-21**  
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**I. Evidences of a Compromising Spirit**

**1) An inordinate amount of time and energy spent with people of opposing life perspectives.**

*Judges 16:15 .... "How can you say you love me when you don't confide in me? You've made fun of me three times now, and you still haven't told me ...."*

**2) An under - valued view of commitment.**

*Judges 16:16 So day after day she nagged him until he couldn't stand it any longer.*

**3) A tendency to divulge too much information.**

*Judges 16:17 Finally, Samson told her his secret. "My hair has never been cut," he confessed, "for I was dedicated to God as a Nazirite from birth. ...."*

**II. Consequences of Compromise**

**1) An energizing of those holding opposing views.**

*Judges 16:18 Delilah realized he had finally told her the truth, so she sent for the Philistine leaders.....*

**2) A false sense of security that compromise will bring peace.**

*Judges 16:19 Delilah lulled Samson to sleep with his head in her lap, and she called in a man to shave off his hair, ... his strength left him.*

**3) A removal of God's protective covering.**

*Judges 16:20 ... "Samson! The Philistines have come to capture you!" ....he thought, "I will do as before and shake myself free." But he didn't realize the Lord had left him.*

**The Remedy: Commitment to Maximize God in your life**

**1) God's Purpose: Living & functioning as a part of the whole..**

*Ephes. 4:1-2 Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, .... Be humble and gentle. ... with each other, .....*

**2) God's Plan: Get mobilized!:**

*Ephes. 4:11-12 He is the one who gave these gifts to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church....*

**3) God's Pathway results from transformation.**

*Ephes. 4:21-23 .... throw off your old evil nature and your former way of life, ... there must be a spiritual renewal of your thoughts and attitudes.*

**4) God's Principles lead to a life of integrity.**

*Ephes. 4:30 And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. .... he is the one who has identified you as his own, .....*