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BECOMING A NAZIRITE

“Therefore ‘come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.’ ‘I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.’ ” (2 Corinthians 6:17–18)

Objectives

Knowledge of God’s Will	Becoming a Nazirite means choosing to dedicate oneself to God. To be a spiritual Nazirite, we must follow God’s will, not our own.
Knowledge of God	God is holy. He is to be glorified above all others.
Good Works	Be a spiritual Nazirite by dedicating our lives to God and separating ourselves from the fleeting pleasures of this world.

A. Conditions of a Nazirite (Num 6:1–7)

1. *Abstain from wine (vv. 1–4):* Wine was commonly associated with celebrations and feasts. Abstinence, therefore, represented giving up the pleasures of this world to lead a simple life, free from excess and extravagance.
2. *No razor shall touch his head (v. 5):* A lack of trimming would have been a visible symbol of the Nazirite’s focus on their inward, not outward, appearance.
3. *No contact with dead bodies (vv. 6–7):* Since a Nazirite was to lead a holy life untainted by the things of the world, he needed to keep himself pure by avoiding defilement. Keeping a distance also meant avoiding being entangled with traditions and administrations of the world.

B. The Conclusion of a Nazirite’s Vows (Num 6:13–21)

1. *Offerings (vv. 13–17):* The sin, burnt, and peace offerings were a reminder that despite his special service to God, the Nazirite’s acceptance was still based on God’s forgiveness and blessings.
2. *Shaving of the head (v. 18):* Burning his hair as a part of the peace offering was a reminder not to hold on to any past achievements that may arouse pride in his heart. All of his service was for God’s glory, not his own.
3. *Whatever else his hand is able to provide (v. 21):* If there were any additional personal vows that the Nazirite had made, he wasn’t to forget about them, but to continue to fulfill them.

C. Nazirites in the Bible

1. *Samson (Judg 13:6–7, 13–14)*
2. *Samuel (1 Sam 1:11)*
3. *John the Baptist (Lk 1:15)*
4. *Paul (Acts 18:18; 21:18–26)*

Life Application: A Spiritual Nazirite

1. *Abstain from Wine: Avoiding Worldly Pleasures*
2. *Uncut Hair: Reflecting God in Our Actions*
3. *Avoid Dead Bodies: Remaining Holy*
4. *A True Spiritual Nazirite*

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Lesson 3 Homework Assignment

Becoming a Nazirite

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (2 Corinthians 6:17–18):

1. What has God promised us if we remain separate from the world?
2. “He shall _____ himself from _____ and similar drink; he shall drink neither vinegar made from _____ nor vinegar made from similar drink; neither shall he drink any grape juice, nor eat fresh grapes or raisins.” (Numbers 6:3)
3. Explain the teachings that we can learn from the three vows of a Nazirite.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
4. What in your life can you “abstain” from to improve your relationship with God?
5. What things can we do less of to make more time for our spiritual cultivation?