

Daily Devotion For February 18, 2023

"Samson went down to Timnah and saw there a young Philistine woman. When he returned, he said to his father and mother, 'I have seen a Philistine woman in Timnah; now get her for me as my wife.' " (Judges 14:1-2)

Yesterday I was scammed!! I received a phone call from someone who said she was from Medicare and asked me if I received my 2023 Medicare card. When I said no, she told me that she wanted to update my profile. She asked me what date I originally received my Medicare Card, (which is on the front of the card), then asked me for my Medicare card number.

After I gave her this information I asked her a question about Medicare. After my question she hung up. This caused me some doubt so I called the Medicare office to see if they had just called. Then I was told that this is a growing problem. Thankfully, she filed a fraudulent report to protect me if someone tries to use my Medicare card or account.

Actually, there are a number of people who fall for scams. Many years ago my wife got caught up in a Nigerian Scam. It is not just the elderly who fall for scams but even much younger people who should know better.

Few individuals have ever been scammed more than Samson. Think about it. He was blessed with parents who walked with God. He was chosen by God for special purposes. He possessed the strength of ten men and he could have been forever recorded in scripture as one of the greatest men who ever lived. Yet, Samson allowed himself to be scammed out of it all! Wine, women and song turned a mighty man into a slave.

Thought For Today: All of us are susceptible to being scammed. The Bible warns us, "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith..." (1 Peter 5:8-9) When I shared this with Sherry, she said, Dad, you should know better. I got scolded!!! Satan is always stalking us, looking for a way to enter into our lives and destroy us. Take heart and be warned that this will not happen to you!

Today's Prayer Focus: Pray that Satan would be bound in our lives so that we will not be fooled into his wily and deceptive ways. I pray that you will not be scammed. Deo Volente.