

SAMSON: PRIDE

A LACK OF _____ WILL DRAIN YOU OF STRENGTH.

JUST BECAUSE YOU WANT SOMETHING DOESN'T MEAN YOU SHOULD HAVE IT.

- **Judges 14:1-3** "Samson went down to Timnah. He saw a young Philistine woman and when he returned he said to his father and mother, 'I've seen a Philistine woman in Timnah. Now get her for me as my wife.' His father and mother replied, 'Isn't there an acceptable woman among your own people? Must you go to the Philistines to get a wife?' But Samson said to his father, 'Get her for me. She's the right one.'"
- **Galatians 6:7-8** "Don't be misled; remember that you can't ignore God and get away with it; a man will always reap just what kind of crop he sows. If he sows to please his own desire he will be planting seeds of evil and surely reap a harvest of spiritual decay and death..."

_____ ANGER WILL DRAIN YOU OF STRENGTH.

- **Judges 15:3, 7, 11** "Samson said to them, 'This time I have a right to get even with the Philistines and I'll really harm them.' ... 'Since you've acted like this, I won't stop until I get my revenge.' ... 'I merely did what they did to me.'"

BEING _____ WITH SPIRITUAL COMMITMENTS WILL DRAIN YOU OF STRENGTH.

- **Judges 16:15, 17, 20** "Then she said to him, 'How can you say "I love you" when you won't confide in me. This is the third time you've made a fool of me and haven't told me the secret of your great strength.' With such nagging she prodded him day after day until he was tired to death." ... "So he told her everything." ... "Then she called, 'Samson, the Philistines are upon you!' He awoke from his sleep and thought, 'I'll go out as before and shake myself free.' But he did not know that the Lord had left him."
- **Judges 16:21** "Then the Philistines seized him, gorged his eyes out, took him down to Gaza, binding him with bronze shackles they set him to grinding in the prison."