

Life Suckers

The Drainer

Proverbs 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend. (NLT)

1 Corinthians 15:33 Don't be fooled by those who say such things, for "bad company corrupts good character." (NLT)

Proverbs 13:20 Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble. (NLT)

1. Be careful with whom you partner

Judges 16:4–6 Some time later Samson fell in love with a woman named Delilah, who lived in the valley of Sorek.⁵ 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."⁶ So Delilah said to Samson, "Please tell me what makes you so strong and what it would take to tie you up securely." (NLT)

2. Draining people will wear you out

Judges 16:15-16 Then Delilah pouted, "How can you tell me, 'I love you,' when you don't share your secrets with me? You've made fun of me three times now, and you still haven't told me what makes you so strong!"¹⁶ She tormented him with her nagging day after day until he was sick to death of it. (NLT)

3. When you're drained, you become reckless

Judges 16:17-19 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."¹⁸ Delilah realized he had finally told her the truth, so she sent for the Philistine rulers. "Come back one more time," she said, "for he has finally told me his secret." So the Philistine rulers returned with the money in their hands.¹⁹ Delilah lulled 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. (NLT)

4. Drained, reckless people get into trouble

Judges 16:20-21 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.²¹ 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. (NLT)

1. Distance yourself from draining people

Proverbs 13:20 Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble. (NLT)

2. Connect with life-giving people

Judges 16:22 But before long, his hair began to grow back. (NLT)

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