

## Road Signs For Relationships Part VI; July 13, 2025

### “Dead End: When to Get Out!”

“Become wise by walking with the wise; hang out with fools and watch your life fall to pieces.”

– Proverbs 13:20 (MSG)

“If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and shake the dust off your feet.”

– Matthew 10:14 (NIV)

#### Five Symptoms I’m in a Dead-End Relationship:

When I’m doing all the \_\_\_\_\_.

When they don’t respect my \_\_\_\_\_.

When I don’t like who I’m \_\_\_\_\_ around them.

When I recognize we have different \_\_\_\_\_.

When they become \_\_\_\_\_.

#### How to Deal with a Possible Dead End:

Confront potentially toxic behavior \_\_\_\_\_.

“So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body. And “don’t sin by letting anger control you.” Don’t let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a foothold to the devil.

– Ephesians 4:25-27 (NLT)

Some relational dead ends are simply rough roads  
that we allowed to go on too long!

Be open to how the problem  
might be with \_\_\_\_\_!

“And why worry about a speck in your friend’s eye when you have a log in your own? How can you think of saying to your friend, ‘Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,’ when you can’t see past the log in your own eye? Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend’s eye. – Matt 7:3-5 (NLT)

#### Three Ways It Could Be YOU:

Unhealthy \_\_\_\_\_

Unrealistic \_\_\_\_\_

Unmet \_\_\_\_\_

Before you end the relationship,  
see if you can simply \_\_\_\_\_ a bit.

Ending a relationship you’ve had for a while should  
be a LAST RESORT, not a FIRST RESPONSE!

When you must end it,  
do so with \_\_\_\_\_.

Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children.” – Ephesians 5:1 (NLT)

How you LEAVE a relationship is a truer test of your  
godliness than how you LIVED in that relationship.