

# STAYING FRIENDS: AVOIDING RELATIONSHIP KILLERS

*Authentic Friends*  
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The Relationship Killers...

1. Failure to make \_\_\_\_\_.

- In love with “being in love”
- Idealizing the other
- Having the perfect relationship
- Dishonest about who we are

**The cure:** get \_\_\_\_\_. *Proverbs 14:15*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ the other person.

- a. We think, “This person is going to do things for me.”
- b. To get what we want, we try to \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Two Problems:
  - Only \_\_\_\_\_ can fully meet needs.
  - Over time we hate manipulators.

*Proverbs 14:17*

**The cure:**

- Depend on God to meet your needs.
- Don’t play God to others.
- Obey the “golden rule”.

*Luke 6:31*

3. \_\_\_\_\_ communication patterns.

- a. Failure to talk about issues that need to be discussed
- b. Inadequate listening patterns that block communication

**The cure:** say \_\_\_\_\_ what builds others up.  
*Ephesians 4:29*

4. \_\_\_\_\_ . *Proverbs 25:19*

- Lying
- A string of broken promises
- Not fulfilling responsibilities
- Disloyalty

**The cure:** do what is \_\_\_\_\_ for the other—for  
a long time. *Proverbs 16:6*

5. \_\_\_\_\_ . *Proverbs 13:10; 11:2*

**The cure:** \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in humility.  
*Proverbs 29:23*

6. \_\_\_\_\_ . *James 4:1-2*

**The cure:** look to others’ \_\_\_\_\_ .  
*Philippians 2:3-4*