

Many times, a poor choice will have the appearance of solving a problem. However, a poor choice will never solve anything. It may delay the inevitable. Will a cigarette solve the craving of a person trying to quit? No, it will simply delay the inevitable next craving and deepen the addiction. A simple prayer with belief will solve the craving. The problem is that if the person doesn't ultimately know that they can rely on God, it will not occur to them to say the prayer. The spiritual foundation must be there from the beginning. That is what Proverbs 22:6 is telling us.

What happens when a person marries a person of a different faith or a non-believer? When we are young we let the temptations of the world cloud our judgment. We tend to base our relationships on things which are ultimately of little or no significance. Appearance will diminish in every case. No one looks as good at 80 or 50 as they did at 21. However, when we are young we often base our relationships primarily on appearance. We often choose who we will be with when we are 50 and 80 based on what they look like when they are 18 or 21. When we are young, we fail to see the future. We fail to understand that our priorities will change over time. Today's youth are making relationship choices at ever earlier ages. These choices will affect them and their true partner in life that they will meet in the future. When we were young, many of

us created bonds that should have never been created. We engaged in physical relationships with others, and we robbed our future selves of the lifelong enjoyment of a special bond that can only exist once. We traded the special for the ordinary, and deprived our future spouses of the special and condemned them to the ordinary in our ignorance. What a foolish time we must all pass through on our journey to spiritual growth and maturity. Even a good spiritual foundation is often set aside in this foolish time of life. When that particular foolishness is over, and we feel we have achieved a certain level of growth we will on occasion backslide in another area. Then it is the stones that we have placed upon our spiritual foundations that we must rely. By then, we have most likely combined our foundation with that of another person. If our foundations were the same from the beginning then we could simply continue building together. We could begin interweaving the stones of our separate lives to build a unified temple which glorifies God. A temple of marriage built in such a manner will be very strong and will sustain any two people in a relationship. But what if the foundations were not the same from the beginning? If the foundations are not the same from the beginning, then a strong unified temple cannot be built upon both foundations. One foundation must be discarded, allowing both people to build on one foundation, or

each person must build on their own foundation. Two individuals building separate temples will come into conflict with each other when it comes to children. Will the foundation for the child be built by the Mother or the Father? That is what 2 Corinthians 6:14 is telling us. Man has rejected this lesson from the very beginning. We see a great example of this in Genesis 6:2. This chapter gives the reasons for the flood, which was that people had a poor spiritual foundation. This verse shows the reason for the poor spiritual foundation was that the people of God were basing their choice of spouse on looks rather than what is important. *"The sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair"*. Looks were more important than spiritual foundation. A person who is on their own for the first time in their life will inevitably become lonely. Who will they turn to for comfort? A friend, an attractive stranger or God? Only God will provide true comfort. Everything else is an illusion that will compound the loneliness with much more severe issues. There is a common saying "live life without regret". Does that mean we should leave no road untraveled? Perhaps it means that God will spare us from the pain of some of those roads if we will simply listen. If a person truly wants to live life without regrets there is only one road, one way. The Godly way. The Godly way is the most important thing to teach any child.

Teaching Children

Pro 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

2Co 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

Gen 6:2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

What do these verses have in common? The answer is perhaps the most important lesson a parent could ever learn.

Many of us make mistakes soon after leaving home for the first time. We also often pay a price for those mistakes. Are the prices we pay what bring us back to God? What brings us back to God is the knowledge that the love of God would have prevented the pain had we simply listened in the first place. But what if there were no spiritual foundation? What if we didn't know that God was real? What if we didn't know that God wanted us to be happy? What if we didn't know that we could rely on God when everything else in life had failed? To whom or what would we turn? Everyone makes poor choices in life at one time or another.

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