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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

What Do They See?

Just recently I went to a service station to purchase some gas and I decided to go inside the store because I was thirsty and I wanted a cold bottle of water. When I went to the register to pay for my items, I had to wait in line for the cashier to serve the customer that was in front of me. This young man had three beers and the cashier (being that she was new on the job), did not know the price; however, since her supervisor was standing next to her at the register, she told her. The employee then asked her supervisor how she knew what the beer would cost without looking at the price listings? The supervisor said "[My mom is an alcoholic and she purchases beers here all the time.](#)" My brothers and sisters, she did not say this in a joking manner! The supervisor went on to tell the employee that she purchases her alcoholic beverages from another store.

The bible tells us in **Proverbs 22:6** NASB that we should "(6) Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it."

We as Christians are called to be the standard, the ruler or if you will "the measuring rod." You may be the father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, god father, god mother or some other kind of role model in a young person's life. The question is this, "when they see you ["what do they see?"](#) Today's society has so much control over the lives of our younger generation. Are you part of that society? Are you setting the right example in all categories of your life for the younger generation to follow according to God's word? Do you even care? Are you hiding those incorrect behaviors with no intention of getting any help? Are you telling young children "to do as I say and not as I do?" Are you conducting yourself in an ungodly way and then going to the church acting Holy? Are you aware that God is inspecting your behavior at all times? The younger generation will follow what they see and we can make a difference in a young person's life if we make the correct changes in our lives before it is engraved in their hearts. You don't have to have a child of your own to be included in this principal.

Ecclesiastes 11:9-10 NASB, (9) "Rejoice, young man, during your childhood, and let your heart be pleasant during the days of young manhood. And follow the impulses of your heart and the desires of your eyes Yet know that God will bring you to judgment for all these things. (10) So, remove grief and anger from your heart and put away pain from your body, because childhood and the prime of life are fleeting". The greatest enjoyment that our young people should be experiencing is the word of God! We know what reality ([should this be society instead of reality](#)) says, but what does God say? Be the example that God has called you to be and let's not follow society, but instead the word of God. Be an example to the children, not a casualty.

SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 14:21

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: The first step to victory is to know the enemy.

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