

Be Careful

There is an old children's bible song called "O Be Careful, Little Eyes." It conveys timeless truths and is a simple call to be careful what we see, hear, do, say and where we go. The contemporary Christian group, Casting Crowns, did a twist on that song called "Slow Fade." Part of the chorus says:

It's a slow fade when you give yourself away
It's a slow fade when black and white have turned to gray
Thoughts invade, choices are made, a price will be paid
When you give yourself away
People never crumble in a day
Daddies never crumble in a day
Families never crumble in a day

Marriages don't go immediately from the wedding vows at the church altar to the testimonies in divorce court. Certain studies have found that nearly 75% of couples that say they are unhappily married today said that they are very happily married five years earlier. The progression from being very happy to unhappy in a marriage is often a product of not listening to the simple warnings in that old children's song. These couples often fail to be careful in their words, thoughts and actions. As a result, they begin a slow fade in the deterioration of their relationship.

Happily married couples learn to be on guard and often protect their relationship from their own careless actions. They learn to be careful in everything they do. This is not only important in how it impacts your spouse, but also your children. We've know parents that take great lengths to guard their children's eyes and ears from certain TV programs, but will then say much worse to their spouse in front of the kids. We must all learn to hold ourselves to a higher standard and be careful in everything we do. As scripture says, be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.

Blessings,

Brian and Trudy

"Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody"
- Romans 12:17