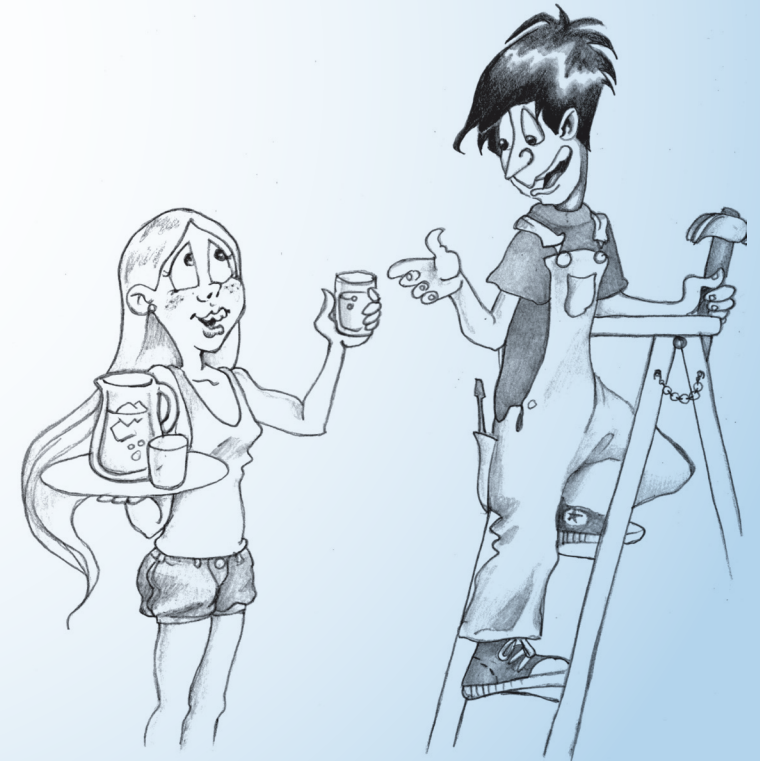


# LAY THE RIGHT FOUNDATION



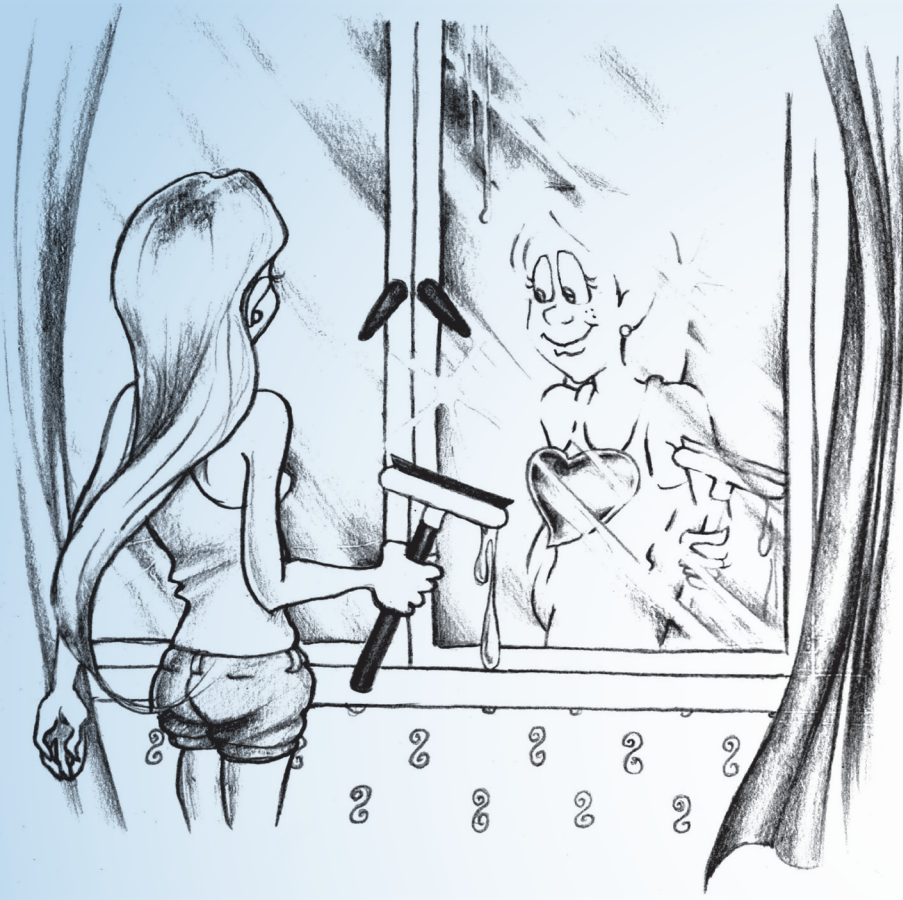
As you look ahead at your life, you will face a lot of questions about yourself—what you want to be and do, and what you envision for your future. These are important questions that are inborn to help you develop a plan for your life. At the same time, those ideas and hopes for the future can sometimes bring a measure of worry and concern, and there may also be influences from other people about what they think you should do or be. It's important, though, to not spend so much time trying to figure out what sort of person you should be that you forget the most important thing—being the person that God created you to be. And what is that?

God doesn't have grandiose demands for what He wants you to be; in fact, God's expectations are pretty simple: "Do what is right to other people. Love being kind to others. And live humbly, trusting your God."<sup>1</sup> You may think you need to undergo character and lifestyle changes in order to become who you need to be, but the underlying goals are very simple—kindness, humility, and trust.



<sup>1</sup> Micah 6:8 ICB

"If we say we live in God, we must live the way Jesus lived" (1 John 2:6 ERV).



So, for today: be content, be diligent, be grateful, be kind, and be humble. This will lay the right foundation for what the future holds for you.

“Let all that you do be done in love”  
(1 Corinthians 16:14 ESV).

Be content today, in this moment, and in what your goals are at this moment. Let your life be one of joy in what you have and in who you are. Put your whole heart into what you do and strive for excellence. Reflect God's love to others by being on the lookout for what you can do for others. If you can focus on doing those things, then you will be on the path to success in your life.

