BY TEACHING TRUE PRINCIPLES OF COURTSHIP: A young man who enjoys the society and
wins the friendship of a young lady unbeknown to her parents, does
not act a noble Christian part toward her or toward her parents.
Through secret communications and meetings he may gain an
influence over her mind; but in so doing he fails to manifest that
nobility and integrity of soul which every child of God will possess.
In order to accomplish their ends, they act a part that is not frank and
open and according to the Bible standard, and prove themselves
untrue to those who love them and try to be faithful guardians over
them. Marriages contracted under such influences are not according
to the word of God. He who would lead a daughter away from duty,
who would confuse her ideas of God's plain and positive commands
to obey and honor her parents, is not one who would be true to the
marriage obligations.

BY TEACHING US TO UPHOLD OUR INTEGRITY IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS: The young man
who makes the Bible his guide, need not mistake the path of duty and of safety. That blessed book
will teach him to preserve his integrity of character, to be
truthful, to practice no deception. "Thou shalt not steal" was
written by the finger of God upon the tables of stone; yet how
much underhand stealing of affections is practiced and excused.
A deceptive courtship is maintained, private communications are
kept up, until the affections of one who is inexperienced, and
knows not whereunto these things may grow, are in a measure
withdrawn from her parents and placed upon him who shows by
the very course he pursues that he is unworthy of her love. The
Bible condemns every species of dishonesty, and demands right-
doing under all circumstances. He who makes the Bible the guide
of his youth, the light of his path, will obey its teachings in all things. He will not transgress one
jot or tittle of the law in order to accomplish any object, even if he has to make great sacrifices in
consequence. If he believes the Bible, he knows that the blessing of God will not rest upon him if
he departs from the strict path of rectitude. Although he may appear for a time to prosper, he will
surely reap the fruit of his doings. {Fundamentals of Christian Education, pp. 101 - 102.}