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If a builder builds a house and the foundation is weak, then eventually the whole house will come crumbling down. If the leadership of a certain political party is corrupt, then time only makes it worse. Bad things left to themselves do not get better, they get worse.

Some new churches are started by people who have been the cause of a split in their former congregation. If these works are planted with seeds of rebellion, then no matter what course the church takes in its future, it will continue to have problems and experience division as a fruit of that root. The only hopeful remedy would be to seek forgiveness from God, who can change a leopard's spots and create new from the old. The principles of our daily life are no different: if a thing begins wrong, it cannot be made right simply by a lapse of time.

*Prayer for Today*

Father, reveal to me the things I have started wrong. I want to repent and put You at the root of all that I do. I know You can help me start over. Forgive me where I have failed You and create in me a new and living way.

*Scriptures for Today*

Matthew 3:10 And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. (NKJV)

Matthew 6:22-23 The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! (NKJV)