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*"He delights in mercy" (Micah 7:18)*

## Look Before You Leap

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We are all aware of the large number of divorces across our nation. Some statistics say as many as one out of every two marriages will be broken in a courtroom. Add to that figure those marriages that are not officially broken in a courtroom, but are broken in the heart, and we have a rather staggering figure.

I believe that one of the causes for this present situation is summed up well in the following poem entitled, "Nice Nite In June." It goes like this...

Nice night in June,  
Stars shine, big moon.  
In park, on bench,  
With gal, in clinch.  
Me say me love,  
She coo like dove.  
Me smart, me fast,  
Never let chance pass.  
"Get hitched," me say.  
She say, "Okay."  
Wedding bells, ring, ring,  
Honeymoon, everything.  
Happy man, happy wife,  
Best time in life!

'Nother night in June,  
Stars shine, big moon.  
Ain't happy no more,  
Carry baby, walk floor.  
Wife fuss and scream,  
Me yell, get mean.  
Wife sad, me mad,  
Everything go bad.  
Nagging wife, bawling brat,  
Life one big spat.  
Me realize at last,  
Me just too fast!

Friends, don't spend months preparing for a wedding that will last an hour, and neglect to prepare for a marriage that God intends to last a lifetime. Be sure and look before you leap!

