
Pleasant View church of Christ
2500 Highway 49 East
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Sunday School: 9:30
A.M. Worship: 10:30
P.M. Worship: 6:00
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm
Phone: 924-9714

“Many people wonder how a merciful and caring God could send people to such a terrible place. The truth is that God doesn’t send anyone to hell; people choose to go there by their own rebellion, and God honors their choice.”

Ronald Beers

Proverbs 23:9

“Do not speak in the hearing of a fool, for he will despise the wisdom of your words.”

Teenage Rebellion

Babies want to spend every waking moment with mom or dad. As boys grow older, they tend to prefer mom over dad, while girls prefer dad. That preference typically changes during the teenage years. But teenage boys and girls have one thing in common—they want to do their own thing. If parents say, “Up,” teenagers say, “Down.” Mom and dad have no idea what they’re talking about, and the teenagers have all of life’s mysteries figured out...or so the teenagers think.

Teenage rebellion is common in the home, and it is also common in the church. For centuries, younger people in the church have challenged how their parents practice their

faith. There is nothing wrong with asking questions. There is nothing wrong with wondering why things are the way they are. But the older generation and the younger generation both have responsibilities in those situations.

First, older Christians have to teach the younger Christians (Titus 2). If they won’t, who will? Older Christians must teach the younger Christians the fundamentals of faith. They cannot expect their children to learn by spiritual osmosis. They shouldn’t belittle their children when they ask questions, or act like questions are sinful. Questions should be answered respectfully and thoroughly.

Second, children should handle biblical answers responsibly. In the song “Wasted On The Way” by Crosby, Stills, and Nash, there is a lyric that goes, “Oh when you were young/ Did you question all the answers?” Many young people refuse to accept the answers their parents give, choosing rather to rebel and practice things in their faith that are contrary to God’s will. Scores of young people leave the church when they are college aged because they simply refuse to accept the simple teaching of the Bible. They would rather be trendy and socially acceptable.

James Hayes

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Complaining

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Even if you lived to be 1,000 years old, there are some statements that you will never hear someone say. Among those are: "I wish I were fatter than I am now"; "Please cut my salary"; "James Hayes enjoys eating handfuls of raisins." You will also never hear someone say, "I love to be around people who complain all the time." God's word confirms that complaining is never appealing. "It is better to live in a corner of a roof than in a house shared with a contentious woman" (Prov. 21:9).

Complaining not only negatively affects relationships, but God's people have never been blessed by Him through complaining.

The Israelites who were freed from Egyptian bondage were known for their complaints. They complained the moment they left Egypt (Ex. 14:11) and shortly after they crossed the Red Sea (Ex. 16:3). Later, their grumbling intensified: "Now the people became like those who complain of adversity in the hearing of the Lord; and when the Lord heard it, His anger was kindled, and the fire of the Lord burned among them and consumed some of the outskirts of the camp" (Numbers 11:1).

It is easy to complain. It's easy to point out how things could be better. But when we complain, we are

making a conscious choice. It is just as easy to praise, promote, and encourage as it is to complain. The apostle Paul could have ended his life as a jaded man, wallowing in self-pity and bitterness. But he didn't. He consciously chose to focus on the blessings of Christ. He encouraged the Philippians to do the same: "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things" (Phil. 4:8).

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- John Kachelman will give a presentation on his work during Sunday School and preach during the worship hour this morning.
- Turn in names to Doug for fruit baskets by December 9.
- Houston Bynum will give a presentation regarding Happy Haven Children's Home on December 16 during the evening service.
- Remember Brother Head in your prayers.

Happy Haven Contribution Today Christmas Lunch At School December 9th After Morning Worship

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: J. Newell

Pray: J. W. Head

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: J.L. Shelton

Serve: Demonbreum, T. Walker, C. Rose

Pray: Crabtree