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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  
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Proverbs 15:1-2

“A gentle answer turns away  
wrath, but a harsh word stirs  
up anger. The tongue of the  
wise makes knowledge  
acceptable, but the mouth of  
fools spouts folly.”

*“Death is no more than a passing from one  
room into another. But there’s a difference for  
me, you know. Because in that other room I  
will be able to see.”*

*Helen Keller*

*“What we have done for ourselves dies alone  
with us; what we have done for others and the  
world remains and is immortal.”*

*Albert Pike*

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## Love Is Better Than Like...Or Is It?

There are three levels of romantic feelings among schoolchildren: simple friendship, “liking” someone, and being in love with someone. Adults usually just speak in terms of friendship or being in love with someone. Aside from romantic relationships, we often say that we like certain items and love other items; we say that as a way of expressing degrees of interest. So, whether we are discussing people or things, love is always higher or better than like.

The Bible presents like and love in a different way. John 3:16 states plainly that God loved the world so much that He sent His Son to die for us. But it wasn’t necessary for God to like the world’s people be-

fore He could love them. The world was full of sinful, unlikeable people, yet God still loved them. We should extend that same love toward everyone. To love someone doesn’t require that we endorse every deed of every person. It simply means that we will treat every person the way we would want to be treated—to have their best interest at heart.

In human relations, too many people think that like should come before love. That’s why there is so much hostility in the world. “If I don’t like you,” some say, “then I have no obligation to treat you well. I can avoid you, gossip about you, wish the worst for you, and encourage others to feel the same way

about you that I do.” But that is not the Christian doctrine on love. To love God but hate man is illogical for the people of faith.

I John 4:19-21: “We love, because He first loved us. If someone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.”

James Hayes

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# Pleasant View Proclaimer

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## Beauty

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King Lemuel wrote extensively in Proverbs 31 about the characteristics of a virtuous woman. He concluded his remarks by stating, "Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised" (Prov. 31:30). Similar thoughts concerning women's appearance are expressed by Peter in his first epistle: "Your appearance must not be merely external—braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God" (I Pet. 3:3-4). It has been said that

beauty is in the eye of the beholder; from Scripture, we see that God beholds beauty much differently than man.

Unfortunately, physical appearance is closely associated with self-image. But those who are burdened by misshapen noses, disproportionate arms, or unusual skin markings need to remember that a majority of physical characteristics are based on genetic inheritance. Show me a good-looking man or woman, and I'll show you that person's good-looking mom and/or dad. We should never spend time agonizing over anything we cannot control, especially when it comes to our appearance.

There are, however, aspects about our appearance that we can control. God is not honored when we give no attention to what goes in or on our bodies. A sloppy appearance is no virtue. Shortening the lives God gave us by becoming addicted to drugs—whether legal or illegal—and disregarding medical advice is to show contempt for God's resources.

There is nothing more beautiful than a man or woman who presents themselves to the world as humble, self-respecting Christians.

James Hayes

### Items of Note:

- "Thank you" to all those who prepared food for the lunch last Sunday. We have some of the best cooks in the world at Pleasant View!
  - Many members are in various stages of illness due to the flu and sinus problems.
  - Continue to remember J.W. Head and sister Faye as they endure various health issues.
  - Read the short book of Philemon for Wed. night class.
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## Psalm 37 Is Helpful In The Wake Of The School Shooting Continue To Pray For The Families Who Lost Children In Conn.

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: J. Baker

Pray: T. Walker

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Billingsley

Serve: Demonbreum, J. Newell, L. Newell

Pray: J.L. Shelton