
Pleasant View church of Christ
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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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Matthew 5:11-12
"Blessed are you when
people insult you and say all
kinds of evil against you
because of Me. Rejoice and
be glad, for your reward in
heaven is great; for in the
same way they persecuted
the prophets who were
before you."

*"A bank is a place that will lend you money if
you can prove that you don't need it."*

Bob Hope

*"Money has never made man happy, nor will it,
there is nothing in its nature to produce happi-
ness. The more of it one has the more one
wants."*

Benjamin Franklin

The Cattle On A Thousand Hills

God doesn't need your money. After all, there is really no such thing as "your money." First of all, God owns everything: "For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird of the mountains, and everything that moves in the field is Mine" (Psalm 50:10-11). Second, if you examine any American currency you will notice that your name is not on any of it. There are two signatures on all bills, that of the Treasurer of the United States and the Secretary of the Treasury. You earned your money, but when you realize that God owns everything that has every existed, and that the government issues all money and kindly asks for

some of it back every April 15, it's a bit strange to call it yours.

In light of those facts, it should be easier for us to give our money away. Consider this: A homeless man is begging for food on a street corner. All he has to live on is the loose change that passersby throw his way. One day a man walks up to the beggar and says, "I am going to give you \$100." The beggar beams with joy at the thought of what \$100 would do for his life. But the man continues. "I only have one stipulation. You must give back \$20. Do you accept my offer?" The beggar does the math in his head, and replies, "Yes! I'll do it. You get \$20, but I end up with \$80. Of course I'll do that deal!"

The man rejoices because he ends his day with \$80.

It is no different with us. We have nothing without God's gifts. He gives us everything we need. So it should be easy for us to give our money to the church, to the needy, to our family, to those who are desperate. When we start thinking that what we have is "ours," we tend to get greedy and selfish.

I've never heard a Christian say, "I give too much." But I've heard many say, "I don't give enough." Consider your giving, and then ask yourself, "Am I a cheerful giver?" (II Cor. 9:7).

James Hayes

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Discipline

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As long as there are doughnuts on earth, people will be trying to find ways to lose weight. Diet programs, books, and DVDs are part of a multi-billion dollar industry. We are bombarded by get-slim-quick messages: "Drink this for more energy!"; "Do this exercise 20 minutes a day and lose 20 pounds per month!"; and so on. Direct marketing programs combine the enthusiasm for losing weight with the enthusiasm for making money. The underlining hook of all of these messages is that you can receive maximum benefits with little effort. But Andrew Carnegie said: "Anything in life worth having is worth

working for." We all know one thing: Losing weight is about eating less and exercising. And both of those things require one thing: discipline. It's not that the diet doesn't work or that the exercising doesn't work; it's that the person isn't disciplined enough to continue the regimen.

Discipline is also the necessary ingredient for successful employment, stable personal finance, and healthy relationships. Those who are undisciplined are the first to blame others and make excuses for their own failings in those areas.

A healthy spiritual life also requires discipline. Jesus

demonstrated discipline in His prayer life, so the disciples wanted to develop that same focus (Luke 11:1). When sending His apostles out into the world, He told them to continue teaching even if some people rejected their teaching (Matt. 10:5-15). Paul told Timothy to be disciplined in all aspects of his ministry. Notice all the words in these verses that promote discipline: "Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them, so that your progress will be evident to all. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching..." (I Tim. 4:15-16).

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Remember the following people in your prayers: JW Head, Kim Waller (surgery), Kyla Myers, Jay Newell, Mildred Walker, and Car-syn Thornton.
- Please tell James or other men of the church about your summer vacation and sports schedule so that we can schedule VBS. We know we cannot find the perfect week, but we will try to accommodate as many people as possible.

**Please Email Janet Tabor With Church News—taborj@realtracs.com
Submit Topics For Wednesday Night Class To James**

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: J. Buchanan

Pray: L. Newell

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: M. Newell

Serve: Demonbreum, D. Stuard, Baker

Pray: E. Walker