

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

You Have The Money

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Money is amoral. It has no feelings. It has no belief system. It does not care if you are white or black, a man or a woman. Money is issued by the government and signed by two government officials—the Secretary of the Treasury and the Treasurer of the United States. Your name is not on it. The government lets us keep money for a while, but then it asks for some (or most) of it back.

Poverty and wealth are relative terms. If an American family makes \$10,000 a year, they are wealthier than 84 percent of the world's population. Conversely, the richest 5 percent of Americans are among the richest people in

the history of the world.

No matter what your economic situation might be, you have the money to do what you *really* want to do. If you convince yourself that you or someone in your family really needs something, you'll do whatever it takes to get it. You'll sell things. You'll get a loan. You'll get a part-time job. Whatever. Likewise, if you *really* want to give your money to a certain cause, you'll do it.

Where does your money go? What do you believe in? Someone said, "Give your money to the things you believe in, and believe in the things you give your money to." The Bible

teaches that when we give, we should do so purposefully, cheerfully, and freely (II Cor. 9:7).

Reformation leader Martin Luther figured how much money he needed to live for a year. He then figured how much income he would receive. He gave away the excess money. He wanted to die knowing that his money was either used for necessities or given to the needy.

Sound financial decisions bring peace to the home and blessings to the church. Determine to be a generous giver and a humble receiver.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Sympathy is extended to Patty Walker on the loss of her mother, Josephine Justice. Services were conducted Friday.
- Alissa Day, the sister of Susan Newell, is at risk for blood clots during her pregnancy.
- Bill Johnson, Kristine Garrett's father, has been ill lately.
- Remember Jessica Humston, Dan Stockmeyer, John Hayes, Mildred Walker, and Ad-die Farmer.

Happy Haven Contribution Today Question and Answer Sermon Tonight

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Johnny Walker

Pray: Terry Walker

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: J. Newell

Serve: Donkin, Stuard, Brown

Pray: Billingsley

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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

Proverbs 3:30-31
“Do not contend with a man
if he has done you no harm.
Do not envy a man of
violence and do not choose
any of his ways.”

*“Contentment does not come from achieve-
ment. It come from a relationship with the
Lord.”*

Paul Henderson

*“I learned that courage was not the absence of
fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is
not he who does not feel afraid, but he who
conquers that fear.”*

Nelson Mandela

You Have The Time

Not only do you have the money to do what you really want to do, but you also have enough time to do it. You're probably thinking, "No, I don't. My schedule is too full. There are a million things I'd love to do if I only had the time." Really? How were you able to clear your schedule when that friend needed you to stay with him overnight at the hospital? How did you find the time to babysit your neighbor's children when they went out of town for a funeral? I know how. You *made* the time. And when you made the time, life went on. Adjustments were made. Schedules were changed. The sky didn't fall.

Some say that they do not have the

time for Sunday School or Wednesday night services. Others say they don't have enough time to read the Bible every day. You might have heard someone say, "When I retire, I'll have more time for church." Or, "When I get out of this hospital, I'm gonna get back into church." But those promises are rarely fulfilled.

The fact is, you have the time. We all have enough time to do the things God wants us to do. It's a matter of priorities.

A minister friend of mine was studying with a very young child about baptism. The child said that he really wanted to do it. The minister wondered if the boy understood what he was doing, so he asked the

boy, "Ok, which would you rather do right now, get baptized or go get some ice cream?" The boy instantly responded with, "Ice cream!" Needless to say, the minister didn't baptize the boy that day.

There are many Christians who continue to choose the ice cream over the weightier matters of faith. They'll commit 12 hours a week to leisure while giving excuses as to why attending 4 hours of worship and Bible study is impossible. And so on. May we all be more committed to the loving the Lord with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind.

James Hayes
