

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

Classy

Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines “classy” as, “having qualities that make someone or something special and attractive; showing impressive character.” When is the last time you heard someone described as being classy? I assume it has been a while, because culture does not promote it, and very few parents teach it to their children.

Classiness is made up of many components. It includes integrity, dignity, politeness, modesty, deference, self-respect, and nobility. A classy person holds the door open for someone else. A classy man is interested in the well-being of the women and children around him, even if they

are not related to him. He does not equate manliness with a domineering personality. He abstains from cursing and telling dirty jokes. He is eager to help those in need without seeking credit. His clothes are clean, and he dresses for the occasion, even if he is uncomfortable. He is on time. He provides for his family. He is a giver, not a taker.

A classy woman is not interested in being shocking or rebellious. She knows that her worth is not determined by her physical features, and she refuses to be treated as an object. She sacrifices for her family and takes pride in being her husband’s helper. “Her

children rise up and bless her; her husband also, he praises her, saying: ‘Many daughters have done nobly, but you excel them all’” (Prov. 31:28-29). Her attitude is positive when it is easy to be negative.

How many celebrities would you consider to be classy? I can’t think of many either. Popular culture featured classy celebrities in the 1950s and 1960s, but they are few and far between these days. Our Christian example will be enhanced if we are classy people. If we are respected, we will be trusted. If we are trusted, the lost will listen to our message.

James Hayes

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Items of Note:

- Jessica Humston got a positive report last week. Her cancer has not spread any further and her chemo side effects are decreasing.
- John Hayes received his last chemo Wednesday. It will take about 2 months for him to regain full strength and energy, but blood numbers are good.
- Jay Newell has sores related to his wheelchair.

Today’s Sermon: “Why We Believe In Acapella Singing In Worship”
Men’s Meeting Tonight at 5:00; Singing Tonight at 6:00

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Garrett

Pray: Rose

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: E. Walker

Serve: L. Newell, Stuard, Gupton

Pray: Terry Walker

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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 17:1
“Better is a dry morsel and
quietness with it than a house
full of feasting with strife.”

*“Anxiety is love’s greatest killer. It makes others
feels as you might when a drowning man holds
on to you. You want to save him, but you know
he will strangle you with his panic.”*

Anais Nin

*“Worrying is carrying tomorrow’s load today—
carrying two days at once. It is moving into to-
morrow ahead of time. Worrying doesn’t empty
tomorrow of its sorrow, it empties today of its
strength.”*

Corrie ten Boom

Constructive Criticism

It has been said that there are two types of criticism: destructive and constructive. Destructive criticism does not seek to inform or help someone else; it is only used to tear another person down. Constructive criticism seeks to correct someone else in a loving, helpful manner. All of us should quickly reject destructive criticism but have the humility and maturity to accept constructive criticism.

Some people avoid all types of criticism for fear that an argument will ensue. While it is true that arguments are often sparked by critical comments, constructive criticism is often the only way for some people to learn the error of their ways. So,

constructive criticism is not the problem; the manner in which the criticism is delivered is the real issue.

The Golden Rule is the most helpful principle to follow when giving or receiving constructive criticism. (The Golden Rule should be the guiding principle in all forms of communication.) How would you want someone to talk to you if they were criticizing you? Would you want them to do it in front of a crowd of people? No. Would you want them to share that criticism with all of their friends? No. Would you want them to use demeaning language and a harsh tone? No. You would want that person to talk to you privately—one on one—so that an honest, open

discussion can take place. You would also want them to offer solutions for your problem along with the criticism. There is nothing more frustrating than for someone to tell you that you’re wrong without helping you to be right.

Even though constructive criticism is helpful, you shouldn’t be known as a critical person. Constantly pointing out the misdeeds of others will cause people to resent you. They will think, “When will he start pointing the finger at himself?” Constructive criticism should ultimately improve relationships, not destroy them.

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