

# Pleasant View Proclaimer

**Pleasant View church of Christ**

## Just Trust Me

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David Letterman once said that dogs are only on this earth to break your heart. Losing a dog hurts so much because dogs are known for their loyalty and trust. A dog is always happy to see you, always willing to defend you, and always thankful for the food, water, and shelter it receives. It is difficult for many people to cope with the loss of something that is so reliable.

If men and women were as trustworthy as dogs, our lives would be much easier. But men and women change their minds, lose their minds, and therefore drive each other crazy. We tend to make promises we cannot keep; we over-promise and under-deliver.

We make excuses for ourselves while demanding perfection from others. All of this creates cynicism, doubt, and confusion in relationships. So, how do we become trustworthy?

(1) *Act more often than you speak.* NBA legend Larry Bird said that those who have the least to do with the success of a team often have the most to say about it. In other words, the real contributors on the team are the ones who do the work instead of talk about the work. Think about it: Dogs are trustworthy without saying a word.

(2) *Make the moment simpler.* Do you know anyone who makes everything more

complicated? I've known many people like that. They always need the plans to be changed, the times to be altered, and the process to be different...so that their preferences can be met. We trust people who let their yes be yes and their no be no.

(3) *Keep secrets.* Not all information is for public consumption. If your first instinct is to grab your phone once you've heard an interesting story about someone else, you're not trustworthy. The best relief for a hurting person is often just a confidential ear.

James Hayes

### Items of Note:

- Continue to pray for Jessica's peace and comfort.
- Sympathy is extended to Maxine Hearn on the loss of her 31-year-old granddaughter, Melissa Hartman. Continue to remember Elaine Crabtree on the loss of her father.
- Resolve to be a Living Christian, a Moral Christian, and a Fellowship-Christian in 2014! We all need to be more faithful!

**Men's Meeting Tonight At 5:00**  
**Singing Tonight At 6:00**

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: E. Walker

Pray: L. Newell

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: M. Newell

Serve: Demonbruem, Trent, J. Walker

Pray: Garrett

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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 21:5  
“The plans of the diligent  
lead surely to advantage,  
but everyone who is hasty  
comes surely to poverty.”

“The Bible is very easy to understand. But we Christians are a bunch of scheming swindlers. We pretend to be unable to understand it because we know very well that the minute we understand it, we are obliged to act accordingly.”

Soren Kierkegaard

“No man ever believes that the Bible means what it says: He is always convinced that it says what he means.”

George Bernard Shaw

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## Tell Me A Story

Don Hewitt, who created *60 Minutes* and produced it until 2004, gave his correspondents a four-word charge: Tell me a story. The show was divided into four segments, and if each segment didn't tell a good story, Hewitt wouldn't run it. He knew that the audience wanted to learn something, feel something, and—most of the time—do something. For 21 straight years, *60 Minutes* was a top ten rated show.

Hewitt's objectives were not new: They were as ancient as the Bible. After all, Jesus was a storyteller. We usually don't call Him a storyteller, but that's what He was. He told parables, sure. But that's just a type of a story. A parable is a short story that

runs along the side of a truth to help magnify the truth. Jesus told stories about a man who had two sons, a man who was beaten and left for dead, a man who lost a sheep, and a man who sowed seed. These stories were often void of names, dates, and specific places, because those things didn't matter. What mattered was that the hearers understood things like forgiveness, evangelism, compassion, and eternity.

The Bible itself is just one story told in many different ways. It's all about God redeeming man. The Bible shows us men and women who ran toward God and were blessed and those who rejected God and were punished. It's a fascinating story.

You have a story to tell. It is different from my story, but it's a story that needs to be told. It's a story about how you came to know Jesus, about how you were moved to act on the knowledge you received, and how you are striving to live for Him each day. It's not selfish to tell your faith story. It's inspiring to those who are lost in sin. Your story might be the only sermon some people ever hear. So you need to tell them before it's too late.

“The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light” (Rom. 13:12).

James Hayes

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