

# Pleasant View Proclaimer

**Pleasant View church of Christ**

## Let It Go

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Curtis Reeves had enough. The 71-year-old Tampa, FL resident was trying to enjoy a movie, but the man sitting in front of him, Chad Oulson, wouldn't stop texting. Reeves asked Oulson to stop, but Oulson refused. He asked again, but Oulson told Reeves to mind his own business. A heated argument ensued. What happened next is mind-boggling but almost common in our culture today: Curtis Reeves pulled a handgun from his pants pocket and shot Chad Oulson and Chad's wife, Nichole. Chad was pronounced dead on the scene; Nichole survived her injuries. Curtis Reeves was detained by an off-duty

sheriff's deputy and charged with 2<sup>nd</sup>-degree murder.

Sometimes you just have to let it go. Even when your blood is pumping; even when all you want to do is exact revenge; even when you think someone deserves the last piece of mind you have left; you have to let it go. The temporary satisfaction that comes from getting even is quickly swallowed up by the lasting consequences of your impulsive actions.

"Cooler heads prevail."  
"Fools rush in where angels fear to tread."  
"Count to ten."  
"You can't get ahead if you're always trying to get even." And so on. You've

heard all of those types of statements before. Some seem corny, but they're all true. Our culture often promotes and praises rash behavior, and then mocks those who face the consequences. Manhood is often defined by how aggressive a man can be.

The Bible states, "A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger" (Prov. 15:1). Man will continue to think that harsh words solve problems, but they don't. Just ask Curtis Reeves. He'll likely spend the next 25 years wishing he would've let it go.

James Hayes

### Items of Note:

- During our Wednesday night Bible Study last week, Jessica Humston passed away at home. On behalf of the family, thank you for the love and support you have shown her and her family during this trying time. Continue to pray for all of Jessica's relatives as they experience this time of grief. The Lord knows our pain, and He will bless us.

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**Happy Haven Children's Home Contribution Today  
Missionary Jim Waldron Will Preach Next Sunday Morning**

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Terry Walker

Pray: C. Rose

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Gupton

Serve: Donkin, Stuard, Brown

Pray: Reed

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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 18:3  
“Truly I say to you, unless  
you are converted and  
become like little children,  
you will not enter the  
kingdom of heaven.”

“If we couldn’t laugh, we’d all go insane.”

Robert Frost

“Laughter is the shortest distance between two  
people.”

Victor Borge

“You don’t stop laughing because you grow old.  
You grow old because you stop laughing.”

Michael Pritchard

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## Pretty Enough

Did you know that there is actually a technical definition of beauty? Scientists say that if you draw a vertical imaginary line down the center of your face, and one side of your face is the mirror image of the other side, you’re a beautiful person. If your lips are crooked, too bad. If one eye sits lower than the other, no good. Only those who have perfect features are considered beautiful.

The scientific definition of beauty might not be your definition. In David Hume’s *Moral and Political* (1742), he wrote, “Beauty in things exists merely in the mind which contemplates them.” The more common way of stating that is: “Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.”

According to a carinsurance.com poll of 2,000 drivers, Delaware’s license plates are the ugliest in America. The blue plates with yellow trim have been used by that state since the 1960s. The Chief Communications Director for the Department of Motor Vehicles in Delaware doesn’t care at all what the voters think of his state’s license plates.

“Who cares what some guy in Texas says about Delaware? Whether other people think it looks bad, or not as good as their home state, it’s irrelevant,” said Mike Williams. Is that your attitude when it comes to how others see you? Or do you dwell on negative criticism of your appearance?

Ask yourself these questions:

- (1) Why am I not satisfied with the body that God gave me?
- (2) The people who model in advertisements represent the physical features of an extremely small percentage of people. So why should I compare myself to them?
- (3) Since salvation has nothing to do with my appearance, why do I spend so much time worrying about my looks?

The people who truly love you will always consider you a beautiful person.

James Hayes

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