

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

Immodest Men

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“Can men be immodest?” You might have asked yourself that question as you read an article addressing the issue or when you heard a sermon about modesty. Those articles (including ones I have written) typically focus on how girls and young women should dress. The major points typically follow this line: Men lust over what they see, and the more a girl shows them, the more they’ll lust. Therefore, women need to prevent that from happening by wearing clothes that do not highlight their female features. Modest clothing also represents the girls’ inner dignity and beauty (I Peter 3:1-4). No one would dis-

agree with those points.

But if we keep the attention on the girls, we might be unintentionally letting boys/men off the hook. Is immodesty just an issue for girls and women? Hardly. Here are some ways in which men can be immodest:

(1.) *Bragging about his worldly success.* Boastfulness is sinful (I Peter 5:5). When a man is successful that should lead him to a spirit of thanksgiving, not a spirit of pride. The modest man doesn’t discuss his fortune for the purpose of elevating himself in society or in the church.

(2.) *Unnecessarily drawing attention to his body.* Women

don’t have a monopoly on showing off their bodies. Men can do the same when they wear clothes that scream “Look at my body!!” There is nothing wrong in being physically fit, and there is nothing wrong with noticing beautiful people. (The Bible described several women as beautiful.) But “showing off” is entirely different.

(3.) *Thinking that loud = right.* Some men think that being the loudest person in the room is a good way to get their way. But they’re just being loud.

Men AND women should pursue modesty.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Bible Bowl practice starts tonight at 5:00.
- Sherry Buchanan is recovering from thyroid surgery.
- Youth project will be this Saturday. We will hand out flyers in the community for the Gospel Meeting (July 27-30) and then have a cook-out at the building.
- John Kachelman will present an update on his work in Ukraine this morning during Sunday School and preach.

Mens’ Meeting Tonight at 5:00 Gospel Meeting Is July 27-30 With David Morris

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Brown

Pray: L. Newell

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Baker

Serve: Demonbreum, Reed, J. Walker

Pray: JL Shelton

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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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Hebrews 10:23
“Let us hold fast the
confession of our hope
without wavering, for He
who promised is faithful.”

“Strong minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, weak minds discuss people.”

Socrates

“Rumor travels faster, but it don’t stay put as long as truth.”

Will Rogers

“Every man is surrounded by a neighborhood of voluntary spies.”

Jane Austen

Why Sunday School?

As far as I can tell, the church at Ephesus didn’t have Sunday School. Neither did the church at Corinth nor the church at Philippi. As a matter of fact, the modern concept of Sunday School would’ve been foreign to first century Christians.

That wouldn’t make Sunday School wrong by any means, because teaching the Bible was common when the church was under apostolic leadership. And for over a century, churches have seen the benefit of what we call Sunday School. But that benefit is sometimes lost on those who do not attend Sunday School. Here are a few reasons that Sunday School is spiritually beneficial:

(1.) *It creates an environment for deeper study.* It is difficult for preachers to explore passages in sermons to the same depth they can explore them in class.

(2.) *There is room for discussion.* Worship services typically do not allow time for discussions of issues. In Sunday School, questions can be asked and answered.

(3.) *Children learn the Bible easier in Sunday School.* Sunday School classes for children mirror their classes at regular school. Crafts, songs, etc. help children learn in ways that adults generally don’t need.

(4.) *“As Sunday School goes, so goes the church.”* The late C.J. Garner of the

Madison church of Christ said this many times, and it is true. If a congregation has a thriving Sunday School program, it will be thriving in other areas as well. The youth will be more educated in God’s word. The adults will have more invested in the congregation. More people will have opportunities to teach. And so on.

The more Christians who attend each service in the church, the better all things in the church will be. If you are not currently attending Sunday School, why not? I have never known anyone who regretted it.

James Hayes
