
Pleasant View church of Christ
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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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I Corinthians 1:10
“Now I exhort you, brethren,
by the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ, that you all
agree and that there be no
divisions among you, but that
you be made complete in
the same mind and in the
same judgment.”

“It is not a lack of love, but a lack of friendship
that makes unhappy marriages.”

Friedrich Nietzsche

“A great marriage is not when the ‘perfect couple’ comes together. It is when an imperfect couple learns to enjoy their differences.”

Dave Meurer

It Is Not The Critic Who Counts

She just wanted to do the right thing. She had something to give, so she gave it. She entered the home of Simon the leper—a courageous act itself—and poured costly perfume over Jesus’ head. Essentially, she was honoring Christ, something every disciple should do. You would think that such an act would be celebrated by everyone in attendance. But that’s not what happened. She was scolded for wasting the perfume. The crowd thought the perfume could be put to better use.

Jesus saw the deed from a different perspective: “Let her alone; why do you bother her? She has done a good deed to Me” (Mark 14:6). The critics’ remarks would be forgotten, but

He said the woman’s deed would echo throughout eternity. “Truly I say to you, wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be spoken of in memory of her” (Mark 14:9).

Criticism is not a fruit of the Spirit. Teaching is necessary (II Tim. 4:2). Encouragement is commanded (Eph. 4:19). But criticism—or more specifically, fault-finding—is not helpful.

President Teddy Roosevelt was a man of action. He was constantly moving. Few men can be president of the United States, a cattle rancher, and a war hero. Since he was so active in whatever cause he

promoted, he despised fault-finders. On April 23, 1910, Roosevelt highlighted this belief during a speech in Paris:

“It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena...”

To serve God properly, we must be the man or woman in the arena, not the one standing in the shadows, pointing out the failings of others. “[B]e steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord” (I Cor. 15:58).

James Hayes

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Praying For Your Child's Future In-Laws

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Years ago I was a groomsman in my best friend's wedding. About thirty minutes before the wedding began, I was asked to lead the wedding party (minus the bride) in prayer. I tried to include every aspect of my friend's marriage in my prayer since every aspect of marriage needs heavenly guidance. Three years later, my friend and his wife had their first baby. As I was visiting with the family at the hospital, my friend said, "Do you remember when you prayed for my kids on our wedding day?"

"Yes," I said.

"Well, it's the only part that stood out to me," he added. "You prayed for our

kids before we were even married."

It is a bit strange when you think about it—praying for people that do not yet exist. But that's what parents and their friends do. We pray that God will give our children good health, good faith, good friends, good churches, and a good spouse. But for your children to have good marriages, you also need to pray for your children's future in-laws.

Why? Well, your children's future in-laws are training your future son- or daughter-in-law as you read this. Wouldn't you prefer that they do that according to God's will? Don't you wish

that they model a godly marriage? Surely you would want them to teach their son or daughter that a personal faith in God is essential for salvation.

Your son or daughter will spend a great deal of their adult lives with their in-laws. Those in-laws will be your grandchildren's grandparents to the same degree you will be. Their values—or lack thereof—will greatly influence your grandchildren.

It seems only fitting that you not only pray for your children's future spouse, but also for their future in-laws.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Thanks to all those who prepared food yesterday for our cookout.
- Continue to remember Maime Hamilton's family—Buzz Simpson and Marcene Simpson.
- We have several families who are traveling. Pray for their safety.
- Also remember JW Head, Mildred Walker, Addie Farmer, Jay Newell, Rick Reed, Joseph Martin, and the Pewitt family.

Hillcrest Nursing Home Worship Today At 2:30 Remember To Greet Our Visitors!

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Gupton

Pray: Baker

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Reed

Serve: Demonbreum, L. Newell, Billingsley

Pray: M. Newell