

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

Why Do Good People Have Bad Children?

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Some questions have so many variables, it is almost impossible for one to arrive at a clear, concise answer. This question is like that. Since the beginning of time, good, faithful people have cried and agonized over their unfaithful children. Above all, they ask, "Why did this happen? What did we do wrong?" No single answer could be applied to each situation, but here are a few answers that surely apply to some of those situations.

(1). *You left the spiritual training of your children to other people.* Some parents think that Sunday School teachers, preachers, elders, coaches, etc. are responsible for the spiritual training

of their children. But the Bible teaches that spiritual formation begins in the home. "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4).

(2). *You talked the talk, but you didn't walk the walk.* Not all Christian parents live their faith the way they should. They say nothing comes before God, but it's all talk. The children never see mom and dad pray. The parents use the slightest excuse to miss worship and Bible study. They spend large amounts of money on themselves and give the church the leftovers. If faith wasn't real to mom and

dad, it won't be real for the children.

(3) *You gave your children more excuses than instruction.* When your children misbehaved, you chalked it up to bad friends or lapses in judgment. You assumed that your child could never willingly rebel against God. You forgot that Satan tempts your child as much as he tempts another child.

Maybe you didn't do anything wrong. God gave us free will. Children grow up and make their own decisions. We must simply encourage and train young people to follow God and pray they make it a lifelong pursuit.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- The Coopertown church will have a men's breakfast on Saturday, June 20 at 8:00 a.m. Sign up on back wall.
- Our Gospel Meeting will begin on Sunday NIGHT, July 26 at the Coopertown building.
- Sing up to bring VBS snacks on the back wall.
- Remember JW Head, Mildred Walker, Addie Farmer, the Newells, Judy York, Leon Salings, and Rick Reed.

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

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School
Read: Billingsley
Pray: JL Shelton

Morning Worship
Wait on the Table: Terry Walker
Serve: L. Newell, Demonbruem, Cartwright
Pray: E. 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
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Titus 2:11-12
“For the grace of God has
appeared, bringing
salvation to all men,
instructing us to deny
ungodliness and worldly
desires and to live sensibly,
righteously and godly in the
present age.”

*“I don’t think of all the misery, but of the
beauty that still remains.”*

Anne Frank

*“Joy is what happens to us when we allow our-
selves to recognize how good things really are.”*

Marianne Williamson

Commencement Address

Congratulations, 2015 graduates!
You are in the process of going from
the “What?” stage of life (your educa-
tion) to the “Now what?” stage of life
(your career). This transition has
been seamless for some, debilitating
to others. In order for you to be a
productive, faithful person, let me
give you a few pointers that I’ve
picked up along the way.

If you constantly have to make ex-
cuses for your boyfriend or girl-
friend, don’t marry them, or you’ll
be making excuses for them forever.

You can either earn interest or pay
interest. Earn it.

Avoid any and all products that have
giant warning labels on them or

have “anonymous” meetings associ-
ated with their use.

Never stop saying “thank you” and
“please.”

You should only have an *informed*
opinion. Spouting off the first thing
that comes to your mind isn’t help-
ful.

You can’t be anything you want to
be, but you can be exactly what God
wants you to be.

The government is not the arbiter of
morality. Just because it’s legal, that
doesn’t necessarily mean it’s right.

Quitting is underrated. Don’t be
afraid to change jobs, your routine,
or your mind...as long as you never

change your commitment to God’s
word.

You are not God, therefore you can-
not know everything, be everywhere
at once, or control the universe. So
stop trying.

Your life is not an open book. Only
certain people should know about
what goes on in your bedroom or
your bathroom.

If your favorite word is “more”,
you’ll never have it, and you’ll never
be satisfied.

And finally, remember the words of
Jesus: “It is more blessed to give than
to receive.”

James Hayes
