

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

The Great One Inside You

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Steve Ely told this story about Vince Lombardi: During a practice session for the Green Bay Packers, things were not going well for Vince Lombardi's team. Lombardi singled out one big guard for his failure to "put out." It was a hot, muggy day when the coach called his guard aside and leveled his awesome vocal guns on him, as only Lombardi could. "Son, you are a lousy football player. You're not blocking, you're not tackling, you're not putting out. As a matter of fact, it's all over for you today, go take a shower." The big guard dropped his head and walked into the dressing room. Forty-five minutes later, when Lombardi walked in, he saw the big guard sitting in front of his

locker still wearing his uniform. His head was bowed and he was sobbing quietly. Vince Lombardi, ever the changeable but always the compassionate warrior, did something of an about face that was also typical of him. He walked over to his football player and put his arms around his shoulder. "Son," he said, "I told you the truth. You are a lousy football player. You're not blocking, you're not tackling, you're not putting out. However, in all fairness to you, I should have finished the story. Inside of you, son, there is a great football player, and I'm going to stick by your side until the great football player inside of you has a chance to come out and assert himself." With these words, Jerry Kramer straight-

ened up and felt a great deal better.

There is a great person inside all of us because God made us great. David wrote: "For You (God) formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well" (Psalm 139:13-14). We also know that we are made in the image of God (Gen. 1:26). So, you can be great and you should be great, regardless of your past failings or your hopeless outlook on the future.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Bill Johnson is at home with various health issues. Please keep him, Donnie, and Kristine in your prayers.
- Continue to prayer for the Harris family from the Ashland City community. Keith was found dead Thursday.
- Wes and Shelby Hovis and their son Knox would like to identify with us. Address: 233 Winfrey Ct. Pleasant View, TN 37146. Phone: 256-503-0778.

**Our Men's Meetings Are Now Every Other Month
We Will Have A Meeting Tonight At 5:00; Singing At 6:00**

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Billingsley

Pray: J. Walker

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: J. Baker

Serve: Gupton, Demonbreum, Simpkins

Pray: JL Shelton

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2500 Highway 49 East
P.O. Box 189
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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

Ephesians 5:1-2

“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.”

I do not have anymore speaking appointments this year. I want to thank Jeff and Freddie for filling in for me. When I speak somewhere, I am often asked where Pleasant View is, and many people have said that they'll visit when they're in the area. And hopefully I've been able to present lessons in a way that is different from that congregation's preacher. All self-respecting preachers want to speak to as many people as possible, so I am thankful that you have allowed me to take advantage of these opportunities.

James

Remember

Someone once said that people don't need to be taught as much as they need to be reminded. That's true. A parent doesn't need to teach a child over and over again *how* to make a bed; but the child must often be *reminded* to make the bed. In many aspects of life, man is a quick learner but a slow doer. Let's notice several instances when God's people were reminded to do something.

(1) *Remember the Sabbath, to keep it holy* (Ex. 20:8). Under the old law, the Israelites were commanded to keep the seventh day holy: no one in their house could work on that day. Why? Because God rested on the seventh day after creating the world. The Israelites never forgot that the

seventh day was the seventh day, but they were told not to forget why that day was special.

(2) *Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near when you will say, "I have no delight in them"* (Eccl. 12:1). Solomon did not want young people to waste away their vigorous younger years in rebellion to God, only to wake up one day a bitter old person. If young people remember their Creator and live faithfully, they will likely sustain that faith throughout their lives.

(3) *This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me* (1 Cor. 11:24). Paul quoted Jesus to the

Corinthians when he corrected their abuses of the Lord's Supper. When we eat the Supper each Sunday, we are remembering Jesus. We remember His bloody body hanging on a cross. We remember His glorious resurrection. We remember His teachings.

Memory is one of God's greatest gifts. When we use it well, our faith will grow. If we refuse to learn lessons from the past and ignore God's teachings, we will drift away from our Lord.

“Blessed are those who observe His testimonies, who seek Him with all their heart” (Psalm 119:2).

James Hayes
