

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

Does It Break Your Heart?

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This sobering epitaph was etched into a stone marker in an English graveyard: "Consider, young man, as you walk by, as you are now, so once was I. As I am now, you soon shall be, so prepare young man to follow me." Someone attached a thought-provoking response: "To follow you is not my intent; until I know which way you went."

Do you give much thought to where you will spend eternity? Better yet, do you give much thought as to where your "unchurched" friends will spend eternity? Do you care? Do you wish they were saved? Or do you wish that heaven will be comprised of just your friends and the people you

like? God wanted the entire world to be saved, that's why He sent His only begotten Son (John 3:16). Shouldn't we have the same attitude as the God we serve?

A church was looking for a new preacher, and after they narrowed their list of candidates, they selected two men to preach on consecutive Sundays. After both men preached, they selected the second man. Before the man was offered the job, he found out that he and the other candidate both preached on hell for their "try out" sermons. The new preacher asked an elder why he was selected. The elder said, "When the other man preached on

hell, he seemed to enjoy the condemnation of others. When you preached on hell, it seemed like it broke your heart."

How do you feel when you see someone suffering in a hospital bed? Sympathy, I'm sure. Does it hurt your heart when see someone disfigured? Of course it does. So how can we not feel agony for someone who might spend eternity in unimaginable pain?

Hell is real. Hell is eternal. And it is up to us to be sure those who are lost find the narrow way that leads to life.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- John Hayes will have surgery on his eyelid Wednesday morning.
- We will post a list of items to be distributed to the Hillcrest residents on the back wall. We'll deliver them in December.
- If you have a clean winter coat with a hanger you'd like to contribute to the Warm Coats give-away at Granny White, put them on the pew in the back room by the copier.

Happy Haven Children's Home Contribution Today Fellowship Meal Followed By Trunk-Or-Treat, October 31 At 4:00

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Gupton

Pray: J. Walker

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Terry

Serve: Demonbruem, Cartwright, Trent

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
Phone: 924-9714

Psalm 18:30

“As for God, His way is blameless; the word of the Lord is tried; He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.”

“Dignity:

- 1. The moment you stop comparing yourself to others because it undermines your worth, education, and your parent’s wisdom.*
- 2. The moment you believe that love is not about winning and losing.*
- 3. The moment you believed happiness was not about getting a person.”*

Shannon Alder

Making Wise Decisions

When I was studying American History, I was often asked, “What are you going to do with a History degree?” It was a fair question, and I usually replied, “History is the study of decision-making. Everything that man has ever done has been the result of a decision someone made.

Life is full of major and minor decisions. Here are some biblical principles that will help us make the best decisions:

(1). *What does the Bible say?* “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path,” the psalmist wrote (Psalm 119:105). When we can’t see which way to go, God’s word illuminates our path. Those who stumble in the darkness of life are those who

ignore God’s precepts.

(2). *Pray about it.* James 1:5: “But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who give to all generously and without reproach...” After some people have tried all the world’s solutions, then—and only then—do they go to God. Pray about all things all the time (I Thess. 5:17).

(3) *Will my choice cause someone to stumble spiritually?* Eating all meats became allowable in the Christian age, but many Jews were offended by those who ate pork or meat sacrificed to idols. Paul said, “Therefore, if food causes any brother to stumble, I will never eat meat again... (I Cor. 8:13). Paul would’ve rather been a vegetarian

than intentionally offend a brother in Christ.

(4). *Be patient.* “...he who rules his spirit (is better) than he who captures a city” (Prov. 16:32). We are often disappointed when we set arbitrary time limits on our plans.

(5). *Can you accept the consequences?* “The prudent sees the evil and hides himself, but the naïve go on, and are punished for it” (Prov. 22:3). Many people do not consider the consequences of their actions before they act. Then when things deteriorate, they run to others for help. Free will comes with accountability.

James Hayes
