

# Pleasant View Proclaimer

**Pleasant View church of Christ**

## When The Children Run The Show

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Children are prone to rebellion. They see their parents as out of touch fun-killers who are too stingy with their money and too old to understand the lives of their children. But what if the child—the one who knows everything about everything—dictated the terms of his/her living situation. The speech might be like this:

“Mom, Dad, I’m glad you’ve decided to sit down with me. I’ve got something I want to talk about. Your behavior lately has been unacceptable. Let’s consider a few of your worst actions. First, you do not give me all the money I want. I am just a child. I can’t work. What right do

you have to limit how much money I can have? Don’t you know I deserve to have everything my friends have? So, this week I expect you to loosen up the purse strings. Second, this curfew thing isn’t working for me. What could possibly harm me at night? Everyone is in bed! Look, I’ll just call you and let you know when I’m coming home. Finally—and this one really bothers me—this whole church stuff is getting old. I mean, do we have to go to church every...single...week?!?! Borrrrring! I’ll go to church where they have a band or something fun like that, but stop telling me that going to church all the time

is somehow good for me. Ok? I’m glad we had this talk.”

The saddest part about this type of talk from a child to parents is that many parents today cater to their children on every one of these issues. Mom and Dad allow their children to use them like ATMs. They let their children stay out as long as they want with whomever they want. And if the child doesn’t “enjoy” worship, instead of teaching the child, the parents let the child determine his/her own spiritual path. And we wonder why families are in such disarray.

James Hayes

### Items of Note:

- Maime Hamilton is home dealing with kidney stones, diverticulitis, and gall stones.
- If you plan on bringing home-made ice cream tonight, please sign the sheet in the back.
- Addie Farmer is still dealing with pain in her shoulder.
- Remember JW Head, Mildred Walker, Rick Reed, David Johnson, and the Newells in your prayers.

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## Happy Haven Children’s Home Collection Today Fellowship Meal After Church Tonight!

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Baker

Pray: Brown

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: J. Walker

Serve: Doug and Josh Demonbreum, L. Newell

Pray: M. Newell

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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 4:15  
“For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.”

*“For every minute you are angry, you lose sixty seconds of happiness.”*

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

*“Love is that condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own.”*

*Robert Heinlein*

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## False Impressions

Have you ever told a lie so that someone would believe a truth? In other words, have you done or said things that are less than honorable to achieve an honorable result? A man once asked me if it were ever right to do the wrong thing. He had been fired, and he needed money for groceries for his children. So he planned on robbing the drug dealer in his neighborhood. I told him that that wasn't his best option. He needed to ask for assistance from friendly neighbors and pursue employment with all his energy.

Parents sometimes fall into the trap of saying something that's not true in order for their children to do or believe what's right. Consider these

scenarios:

(1). *Dad says, “Don't cross your eyes. If you do, they'll get stuck that way.”* In all my 38 years of life, I've never seen anyone with permanently crossed eyes as the result of crossing their eyes too much. There is probably a better way to get children to stop doing harmful things to their bodies without giving false medical advice.

(2). *Mom says, “If you do what's right, you won't end up like them.”* Faithfulness does not shield us from heartache. Sure, faithfulness will prevent many self-inflicted wounds that we see in others, but we will all face some sort of trouble as Christians.

(3). *Dad says, “Those people cannot be*

*trusted.”* No matter who “those people” are, the father is making a generalization that cannot possibly be true. When we make broad judgments of races, ethnic groups, professions, etc. we are violating the Golden Rule. We would not want someone judging us by the deeds of others.

Sometimes parents forget that children grow up. And when they grow up they will know the whole truth about all of the matters their parents discussed. It would be devastating for a parent to hear their children say, “You lied to us for all those years. Why didn't you just tell us the truth?”

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