

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

Tipping God

Two men were talking about their ultimate dream jobs. One man said he wanted to be an astronaut or a professional baseball player. The other man made his list simpler: "I don't want any job that involves tipping. I don't want my salary dependent on the whims of the person I am working for. No tips. Anything else would be fine. I want to know what I am going to be paid, and I want the pay to be consistent with my skills and my responsibilities."

I wonder if God feels the same way when it comes to our weekly contribution. I wonder if He looks down on man and sees a world of people who are giving him

tips—the crumbs of their finances. He deserves better, not because He needs our money (He owns the cattle on a thousand hills—Ps. 50:10), but because we must demonstrate our faith in every area of life, including the financial ones.

Here is a simple way to test yourself to see if you are giving as you should. Compare your salary from ten years ago to your salary now. Then compare what you give each week from then till now. Has your salary increased while your giving has remained stagnant?

Here's another test: How often have you considered your giving as a "need to

spend" thing in your budget? So often we see cars, houses, vacations, etc. as "need to spend" things. We will scrape together every nickel we can find—and sometimes go into crippling debt—for those things, but we do not give to the Lord with the same urgency.

The Bible states that we should give freely, purposefully, and happily (II Cor. 9:7). We should give on the first day of every week and give in proportion to our prosperity—our giving should increase with our incomes (I Cor. 16:2). None of that sounds like tipping to me.

James Hayes

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Items of Note:

- The arrangements at the front are from Bill Johnson's funeral. The family wanted to make good use of them for a week or two.
- Leave clean coats with a hanger on the pew in the back room. The last day to bring them is this Wednesday.
- Thank you to all those who participated in our meal and Trunk-or-Treat last night.
- Remember the sick and needy in your prayers.

We'll Take Goodie Bags To Hillcrest Residents In December Sign Up On Back Wall To Bring Supplies

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: E. Walker

Pray: J. Walker

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Brown

Serve: Demonbreum, Trent, Gupton

Pray: Terry 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 18:2
“The Lord is my rock and my
fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I
take refuge; my shield and
the horn of my salvation, my
stronghold.”

*“Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a
flower.”*

Albert Camus

*“There have been tyrants and murderers, and
for a time, they can seem invincible, but in the
end, they always fall.”*

Gandhi

Three Knees

The knee is a fascinating part of the body. Think about it: If you didn't have a knee joint, you couldn't reach your feet, get into a car, put on your pants, stand, sit, or do a hundred other things. That's why knee pain is so debilitating and why knee replacement is necessary for so many people.

Let's consider these three symbolic knees and what they mean to the Christian:

(1). *A father's knee.* Much of our crime and delinquency today is caused by the declining numbers of biological fathers raising their children in the same home with the child's biological mother. Once upon a time, a child learned valu-

able lessons across his/her father's knee. But that knee isn't there in many homes. The strong discipline has vanished, and the training of the child is left to coaches, teachers, government agencies, and ministers. Paul wrote, “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”

(2). *A mother's knee.* When times are tough, a child wants his momma. When the adult child has questions, he calls momma. There is something encouraging, calming, and reassuring about sitting at a mother's knee. When family relationships become strained, that guiding influence vanishes, and families dissolve.

(3). *The praying knee.* Willie Cato traveled with Marshall Keeble during Keeble's evangelistic efforts and witnessed Keeble's profound faith on a daily basis. Keeble had digestive issues later in life and had to use the bathroom frequently at night. Cato said that Keeble got on his knees and prayed before getting back into the bed after every trip to the bathroom. He never got into a bed without first praying to God on his knees.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight” (Prov. 3:5-6).

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