

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

Consistent Faith

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In 1966, at the height of The Beatles fame, John Lennon famously said, "Christianity will go. It will vanish and shrink. I needn't argue about that. I'm right, and I will be proved right. We're more popular than Jesus now." What was dismissed as egotistical hyperbole then seems almost prophetic today. Every generation is tempted to allow cultural fads and trends to replace Jesus in their hearts. But we will pay the price for that misguided devotion one day.

During The Blitz of 1942, London was being ripped to shreds by the Germans. An English writer for the *Christian Business Men's League* diagnosed the prob-

lem this way:

"We have been a pleasure-loving people, dishonoring God's day, picnicking and bathing—now the seashore is barred; no picnics, no bathing. We have preferred motor travel to church going—now there is a shortage of motor fuel. We have ignored the ringing of church bells calling us to worship—now the bells cannot ring accept to warn us of invasion. We have left our churches half-empty when they should have been filled with worshippers—now they are in ruins. We would not listen to the way of peace—now we are forced to listen to the way of war. The money we would not give to the

Lord's work is taken from us in higher taxes and higher costs of living. The food for which we refused to give God thanks—now is unobtainable. The service we refused to give God is now conscribed for our country. Lives we refused to live under God's control—now are under the nation's control."

The apostles Paul and Peter both reminded their readers of the unexpected return of Jesus. And both wrote that since Jesus' return will be unannounced, we should live in a way that honors God (I Thess. 5:1-6; II Peter 3:8-12). We cannot wait to be faithful.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Randy Baker's cancer seems contained to his bladder. Chemo treatments will begin after January 1.
- Addie Farmer had a malignancy removed.
- Janet Tabor has had strep throat for 2 weeks.
- Tell Doug today if you know someone who needs a fruit basket.
- Remember JW Head, Paula Lee, Lowell Gregory (back surgery), Judy York.

Hillcrest Nursing Home Worship Today At 2:30 Jesse Menix Was Baptized Last Saturday Night

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Garrett

Pray: Terry Walker

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: E. Walker

Serve: Demonbreum, Trent, Gupton

Pray: Billingsley

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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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Proverbs 13:20
“He who walks with wise
men will be wise, but the
companion of fools will
suffer harm.”

*“How wonderful it is that nobody need to wait
a single minute before starting to improve the
world.”*

Anne Frank

*“A pessimist sees the difficulty in every situa-
tion; an optimist sees the opportunity in every
difficulty.”*

Winston Churchill

Scary Words

Lou Holtz said, “Fifty years ago people talked about their obligations and responsibilities. Today, they talk about their rights and privileges.” Ever since Thomas Jefferson penned the Declaration of Independence, each succeeding generation of Americans has gotten more selfish and more entitled. Therefore, there are some words and concepts that make modern adults uncomfortable. Consider these:

(1) *Budget*. When some people hear the word “budget,” their skin crawls. They associate “budget” with words like “restraining” and “boring.” But a budget is just a plan for your money. If you don’t have a plan for your money, you are more likely to

overspend and be unprepared for retirement.

(2) *Accountability*. Unaccountable people refuse to be responsible for their actions. If one makes a mistake, a lawyer, parent, or friend should clean up the mess. But accountability is a good thing. It helps us make better decisions. It forces us to consider all possible consequences before moving forward.

(3) *Submission*. The Bible says all people should submit to one another (Eph. 5:21). We should regard one another as more important than ourselves (Phil. 2:3). But to the selfish ear, submission sounds horrible. The concept of submission flies in the face of modern cultural move-

ments that promote the idea that self-fulfillment and self-indulgence should be the goals of every person.

“Budget,” “accountable,” and “submit” are all scary words today. But when they are defined properly and practiced in daily living, they can improve our lives.

If you need help keeping a budget, being accountable, or submitting to others, ask yourself, “What would a child do? What would an adult do?” Children, by nature, are selfish. Mature adults, however, understand the value of sacrifice. We should embrace adulthood and move away from childish behavior.

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