

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

Divorce

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E. Lawson said, "Fifty years ago parents were apt to have a lot of kids. Nowadays kids are apt to have a lot of parents." Unfortunately, that is true. Roughly 50 percent of all marriages today end in divorce. Marriages end for myriad reasons, and none of them are good: adultery, abuse, neglect, abandonment, deception, and the list goes on. Each situation is different. Many couples believe that divorce solves all problems, but it doesn't. Some of the problems linger, new problems are created, and baggage is carried from one relationship to the next. And the children are caught in the middle.

In order to make "till death

do us part" a reality, consider these suggestions:

(1). *Don't compete with your spouse.* You're on the same team, so why would you always be trying to "one-up" each other? Be your spouse's biggest cheerleader, not his/her biggest competitor.

(2). *Hit the "refresh" button from time to time.* Break the daily routine. Cut your hair. Lose weight. Just do something different... together.

(3). *Don't try to fix emotional issues with material things.* Once the newness wears off, the issues will still be there. You can't buy your way out of pain.

(4). *Do what you do for your spouse.* Your schedule should be kept with your spouse in mind. Your money should be arranged to provide for your spouse and family. When friends and other relatives take the place of your spouse, resentment sets in.

(5). *Do what you vowed to do.* Repeat your vows to one another once a year, preferably on your anniversary. It'll remind you of the times over the past year that you didn't live up to those vows, and it will encourage you to make positive changes.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Tonight we will begin a sermon series titled "What Kind Of Friend Are You?" by studying famous relationships in Scripture.
- VBS is June 19-23.
- Mimi Cartwright is going back to class following her concussion.
- Pray for Paula Lee, JW Head, Addie Farmer, Mildred Walker, Rick Reed, our elections, and those affected by civil war and terrorism.

Happy Haven Children's Home Contribution Today A.M. Sermon: "Should We Practice Social Justice?"

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Gupton

Pray: Hovis

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: T. Walker

Serve: E. Walker, Cartwright, 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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II Cor. 5:14-15
“For the love of Christ
controls us, having concluded
this, that one died for all,
therefore all died; and He
died for all, so that they
who live might no longer live
for themselves...”

*“The Christian does not think God will love us
because we are good, but that God will make us
good because He loves us.”*

C.S. Lewis

*“To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable
because God has forgiven the inexcusable
in you.”*

C.S. Lewis

What's Next?

Churches are typically good about telling people what to do, but they're usually not as good about telling people what to do *next*. And this is a problem. Churches would retain their members and make great strides in evangelism if they got serious about doing the next thing.

What should people do after baptism?

We are quick to point people to Acts 2:38, I Peter 3:21, Gal. 3:27, and other verses that teach the necessity and effect of baptism. But many new Christians are like the fisherman who forgot his paddle: He's in the boat, but he's not going anywhere or catching any fish. Once people have put on Christ, they need to continue to grow in grace

and knowledge (II Peter 3:18). They need to live by faith and run the race set before them (Heb. 12:1). Baptism is the beginning of discipleship, not the end.

What should people do after they have sinned? Sin should offend all of us, and we should avoid it at all costs.

At times, the church becomes aware of one who has sinned publically and they address that issue with prayer, encouragement, and, if necessary, discipline (I Cor. 5:3-8; Gal. 6:1-5). But what happens after that? When “the dust settles,” is that person prepared to change his/her behavior. What is the church doing to prevent future transgressions?

What should people do after worship?

Worship and Bible study attendance is a regular theme of sermons from coast to coast, and conscientious Christians never let their schedules interfere with their praise to God.

But do we pay as much attention to what we do after worship? Do you take notes of the sermon and review them later? Do you sing hymns during the week? Worship has its largest impact when it reforms our lives.

Think about life after baptism, after sin, and after worship. Let God's word shape your life.

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