

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

Habits

Murfreesboro, TN native Grantland Rice was the premier sportswriter in America during the first half of the 20th century. He began writing the "Spotlight" column for the *New York Tribune* in 1914. He once interviewed famed golfer Gene Sarazen and legendary baseball player Ty Cobb about their unique performance styles. He asked Sarazen why he continued to use the same grip on the golf club, even though he had conceded that it wasn't the best grip. Sarazen said, "It's hard to break old habits. I won the U.S. Open with this grip when I was 21. I thought then that it was perfect. I found out later that it was

not—when it was too late." Then Rice asked Cobb why he spread his hands apart when he swung the bat, a method no other player was using. Cobb replied, "When I was young, I couldn't hold the bat high enough. It was too heavy. I had to spread my hands. Once you build up habits as a kid, they are hard to change." Both men were elite professional athletes, yet they regretted certain habits they had established as children.

Someone once said, "You are what you continually do." Bad people continually do bad things. Good people continually do good things. Those good or bad

habits are rarely initiated in adulthood. They are suggested by friends, condoned by parents, and practiced by the child. Then the child grows up. Ask an alcoholic when he started drinking. Ask a Christian when he was baptized. Ask a racist when he started hating minorities. Nearly every time, the good or bad decisions that were made in youth followed into adulthood.

"Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near when you will say, 'I have no delight in them'" (Eccl. 12:1).

James Hayes

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Items of Note:

- Sympathy extended to Mike Reed on the loss of his grandfather, J.C. Reed. The funeral was Friday.
- Tracy Cartwright had hernia surgery Monday.
- John Buchanan was admitted to Centennial this week with chest pain. He's home.
- Sue Clymore fell at home and dislocated her shoulder.
- James is leaving for Israel Tuesday afternoon.

Building Fund Contribution Today VBS Is June 19-23

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: J. Buchanan

Pray: E. Walker

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Billingsley

Serve: J. Demonbruem, Cartwright, J. Walker

Pray: JL Shelton

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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

Hebrews 12:11
“All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.”

Bible Bowl This Year Will Cover The Following Chapters From Leviticus: 6-11, 17, 19, 23-27.

“If you spend your time hoping someone will suffer the consequences for what they did to your heart, then you’re allowing them to hurt you a second time in your heart.”

Shannon Alder

It Can't Buy Happiness

In the *Journal Of Living*, Louis R. Lurie told the story of a legendary meeting that was held at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago, IL in 1923. Present that night were eight of the richest men on earth. There was the head of the largest steel company, Charles Schwab (not associated with the investment company); Samuel Insull, the president of the largest utility company; Howard Hopson, the head of the largest gas company; Richard Whitney, the president of the New York Stock Exchange; Albert Fall, a cabinet member; Jesse Livermore, a world-renown investor; Leon Fraser, president of the Bank of International Settlements; and Ivan Krueger, the

head of the nation's largest monopoly.

Each man had generations worth of money at his disposal. If money buys happiness, these men would've been the happiest men who ever lived. But they weren't. At all. Schwab went bankrupt and lived on borrowed money for the final five years of his life. Samuel Insull became a fugitive from justice and died penniless in a foreign land. Richard Whitney spent years in Sing Sing prison. Albert Fall was sent to prison for political corruption. Jesse Livermore committed suicide. Leon Fraser and Ivan Krueger also committed suicide. Howard Hopson was the only person at that meeting who avoided

scandal and/or major emotional problems later in life.

How we use money has a tremendous affect on our faith. It has been said that Jesus taught about money more than He taught about heaven or hell, combined. The most pointed critique of material obsession is found in I Timothy 6:10: “For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.”

We use money every day, but we should never let it use us.

James Hayes
