

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

Godly Wisdom

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When President James Garfield was a child, an elderly man gave him a list principles that Garfield cherished for the rest of his life. The guide read:

“Never be idle. Make few promises. Always speak the truth. Live within your income. Never speak evil of anyone. Keep good company or none. Live up to your engagements. Never play games of chance. Drink no intoxicating drinks. Good character is above everything else. Keep your own secrets if you have any. Never borrow if you can possibly help it. Do not marry until you are able to support a wife. When you speak to a person, look into his eyes. Save when

you are young to spend when you are old. Never run into debt unless you see a way out again. Your character cannot be essentially injured except by your own acts. If anybody speaks evil of you let your life be so that no one believes him. When you retire at night think over what you have done during the day. If your hands cannot be employed usefully, attend to the culture of your mind. Read the above carefully and thoughtfully at least once a week.”

The book of Proverbs reads much like those principles. It is a compilation of truths about human behavior. Chapter one, verse four is a great thesis of the book:

“To give prudence to the naïve, to the youth knowledge and discretion.” Its words are as true today as they have ever been, and will be useful until the Lord returns. There are 31 chapters in Proverbs, so you could read one chapter a day in order to read the whole book in a month. The Bible is full of practical wisdom. Heed its words.

“In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your body and refreshment to your bones” (Prov. 3:6-8).

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Britni Sloan gave birth to Henry James Sloan on Thursday. Mother and baby are doing well.
- Sign up on the back wall for the Sounds game.
- Our Building Fund contribution will be the last Sunday of this month. Be making preparations for that. The more we save, the lower our monthly payments will be when we finally build our building.

Singing Tonight At 6:00 Gospel Meeting, July 24-27

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Gupton

Pray: E. Walker

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Reed

Serve: D. Demonbreum, Simpkins, Buchanan

Pray: Baker

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2500 Highway 49 East
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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

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

“Violence is the last refuge of the incompetent.”

Isaac Asimov

Romans 8:18

“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.”

The Power Of Words

President Calvin Coolidge was known for his laid back approach to the office. He often took afternoon naps. He felt that the country would be freer if it were not constantly encumbered by new legislation. Coolidge was also a man of few words. He earned the nickname “Silent Cal.” He was fluent in five languages, but one foreign diplomat said Coolidge was “silent in five languages.”

One evening Coolidge was attending a black tie dinner when a woman approached him with a challenge. “President Coolidge,” she said. “My friend wagered \$5 that I couldn’t get you to say three words in five minutes.” Coolidge looked at the

woman and said, “You lose.”

Jesus said, “But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment” (Matt. 12:36).

Clearly, we should monitor our words carefully. Here are a few more verses from Scripture about the importance using discretion in our speech:

“Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit” (Prov. 18:21).

“Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment., so that it will give grace to those who

hear” (Eph. 4:29).

“From the mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way” (James 3:10).

“A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger” (Prov. 15:1).

“If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man’s religion is worthless” (James 1:26).

“He who guards his mouth and his tongue, guards his soul from troubles” (Prov. 21:23).

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