

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

Groundhog Day

Groundhog Day is a purely North American tradition. Its roots go back to early Dutch settlers in Pennsylvania. The diary entry of storekeeper James Morris of Morgantown, Pennsylvania, dated February 4, 1841, and displayed at Franklin and Marshall College, states: "Last Tuesday, the 2nd, was Candlemas Day, the day on which, according to the Germans, the groundhog peeps out of his winter quarters and if he sees his shadow he pops back for another six weeks nap, but if the day be cloudy he remains out, as the weather is to be moderate."

How wonderful it would be if we could get up in the

morning, look outside, and then determine if the next six weeks were worth living. If the day was not suitable, we could just go back to bed until things improved.

God gives us the power of memory, not prophecy. We can look back as far as our mind will allow us, but we cannot look forward. Have you ever thought what life would be like if you *could* see down the road? What if you knew the exact time and place of your death? What if you could envision how many children you would have and whether or not those children would be healthy?

The most sobering "what

if" is this: What if you knew the exact time of Jesus' return? Jesus claimed that only the Father knows the time of His return (Mark 13:32). Why is that true? Why did Jesus not tell the world, "I am coming back on June 15, 2041 at 3:22 p.m. Be ready!"? I suppose there are many reasons for this, but one seems to be the most logical: If we knew the exact day of Jesus' return, we would only prepare for that day; we would tend to live for ourselves.

The only thing we need to know about the future is: The Lord is coming again. We need to be ready to see Him.

James Hayes

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Items of Note:

- Sympathy is extended to Robert Williams, on the loss of his daughter and two grandchildren Wednesday afternoon in a car accident. The funeral for Teresa, Robert's daughter, will be today at Austin and Bell Funeral Home in Pleasant View at 3:00.
- Sympathy is also extended to Mitch Newell on the loss of his sister-in-law, Melinda Newell. Her funeral was Thursday.

Men's Meeting Tonight At 5:00

Singing Tonight At 6:00

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Reed

Pray: Baker

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Billingsley

Serve: D. Demonbreum, Simpkins, Buchanan

Pray: E. 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

*“Be careful about sharing your problems:
Twenty percent of the people don’t care, and
the other eighty percent are glad you have
them.”*

Lou Holtz

Proverbs 15:29
“The Lord is far from the
wicked, but He hears the
prayer of the righteous.”

*“Complaining is a vain way of explaining pain
without gaining relief.”*

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How To Ruin Your Life

This article is inspired by the Ben Stein book of the same name. Here are a few more ways someone can ruin his or her life and the biblical passages that teach against those activities.

(1). *Play the victim...always.* Act as if the world owes you success. Believe that everyone else has advantages you don’t have. Expect them to loan you money, fix your problems, and make up for your deficiencies. But the Bible says you’re not a victim. Psalm 139:14: “I will give thanks to you, because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”

(2). *Say “You owe me” to your children.* Turn parenthood into a business transaction. Keep tabs on how much

money you spend on your children for food, clothing, and shelter for 18 years, then make your kids feel guilty when they don’t pick up the check at dinner. But the Bible says that’s not part of good parenting. Proverbs 22:6: “Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it.”

(3). *Criticize before you participate.* Live on the edges of work, home, or church, and be sure to lob criticisms at those who are active in each of those areas. Show up late for work and expect a raise. Don’t keep up with your kids’ homework and be shocked when they don’t make the grades you prefer. Rarely attend worship services or Bible studies, then

complain about how church leaders should do things differently. But the Bible says, “Obey your leaders and submit to them” (Heb. 13:17).

(4). *Buy it because you want it.* Disregard the price tag. Don’t shop around. Don’t research. Just buy whatever makes you feel good at the moment. Buyer’s remorse is for wimps. And if you don’t have the money, just put it on credit. But the Bible says, “I said to myself, ‘I will test you with pleasure. So enjoy yourself.’ And behold, it too was futility” (Eccl. 2:1).

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