

# Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

## Pride Problem

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Do you have a pride problem? Very few people will ever admit they do. They never say the words, "I am better than you," or, "Don't you wish you were as good as me?" Pride is shown in subtle ways. Notice these questions, then ask yourself, "Do I have a pride problem?"

1. Robert Louis Stevenson said, "A good test of egotism is to notice how you listen to others being praised." Do you cringe when someone else is being complimented? Do you think of all the things that person does poorly while they are being lavished with praise? Do you think to yourself, "Why are they getting all the attention?"

I've done many more important things than they have!" A humble person will join in the praise of someone else. A humble person gives pats on the back.

2. Do you feel that people *owe* you praise and attention? Do you get upset when your name does not get mentioned in the bulletin or from the pulpit when you perform a service for the church? Do you make a checklist of people who do not send you cards on your birthday or give you a gift at Christmas? A humble person will sincerely thank those who praise them and not hold a grudge against those who do not.

3. Do you constantly look for the negative characteristics of a popular person? If someone is particularly beautiful, do you say, "Sure, but did you see them when they were younger?" or, "You ought to see her with no makeup. Yuck!" A humble person highlights someone's positive characteristics.

4. Do you try to one-up others? Is your story always better than the other person's? Are your life experiences always more interesting?

"God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (1 Peter 5:5).

James Hayes

### Items of Note:

- Thank you to all those who helped us with the cook-out and Trunk or Treat!
- Maime Hamilton has been sick this week.
- Haley Rector has begun her third round of chemotherapy.
- Continue to pray for Dale Garrett, Randy Baker, Addie Farmer, Mildred Walker, and the Justice and Walker families on the loss of Robert last week.

## Building Fund Contribution Today! Morning Sermon: "Grace Vs. Obedience"

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: J. Buchanan

Pray: Gupton

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Baker

Serve: L. Newell, Brown, J. Walker

Pray: M. Newell

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Sunday School: 9:30  
A.M. Worship: 10:30  
P.M. Worship: 6:00  
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*“My argument against God was that the universe seemed so cruel and unjust. But how had I got this idea of just and unjust? A man does not call a line crooked unless he has some idea of a straight line.”*

*C.S. Lewis*

Psalm 116:1-2  
“I love the Lord, because He hears My voice and supplications. Because He has inclined His ear to me, therefore I shall call upon Him as long as I live.”

*“There can be no deep disappointment where there is not deep love.”*

*Martin Luther King Jr.*

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## Red Heifers For Jesus

According to the *Los Angeles Times*, a group of meg-church leaders once gathered in Inglewood, CA in order to prepare the way for Christ, or so they thought. By using global communications and thousands of dollars in airfare, they wanted to send missionaries to every corner of the world, thereby fulfilling the Great Commission. The Muslims are getting ready also. Former Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, while he was mayor of Tehran, spend millions on city improvements to make the city more accommodating for Mahdi, the last prophet of Muhammad's 12 true heirs. Some Jews have even gotten the messiah fever. They have decided to build a temple on a

site currently occupied by one of Islam's holiest shrines. (The Muslims have vowed never to let that happen.)

The Rapture-Armedgeddon-Premillennium believing Christians, the Muslims, and even some Jews are awaiting the world's end. And so is Clyde Lott of Mississippi, a revivalist preacher and cattle rancher. He is raising a unique herd of red heifers to satisfy a commandment in the book of Numbers that requires a blemish-free red heifer to be sacrificed for purification rituals, paving the way for the messiah.

Jesus said that only the Father knows when His Son will come again (Matt. 24:36). The day of the

Lord will come like a thief (II Peter 3:10). It will be unexpected (Matt. 24:38-41). So, go ahead. Get on your airplane. Build your roads. Re-create the temple. Raise your heifers. But understand this: The Lord will come in His time, not yours. So the question is not “When will the Lord return?” We already know He will. The real question is, are you *ready* for His return?

“For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night” (I Thess. 5:2).

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