

# Pleasant View Proclaimer

**Pleasant View church of Christ**

## Tolerate

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Modern American Society preaches tolerance. The basic message is this: No matter what someone might believe or do, you are not allowed to object to it. As long as the activity is legal, it should be acceptable. If you object, the tolerant people are then allowed to call you names and shame you for your intolerance. Society will call you a bigoted, hateful, holier-than-thou, self-righteous jerk.

It is always right to oppose the things God opposes—Christians should always defend God’s design and plan for marriage, life, and creation. But Christians face another challenge when it comes to tolerance.

While we are exhibiting a righteous intolerance of gay marriage, abortion, and evolution, are we being tolerant of other things God opposes?

For instance, Micah 6:8 states: “He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” Christians typically focus on the kindness and humility parts of that verse. But the first part involves justice. How quick are you to point out how someone is being treated unfairly? Are you sensitive to those who are neglected in society? God does not want us to tolerate injustice.

We can also be tolerant of ignorance. I have heard many Christians say, “I don’t know enough Bible to study with an unbeliever.” And they’ll make that same statement for years. So when are they going to stop being ignorant? When will they stop giving themselves an excuse to avoid evangelism? Why are they comfortable tolerating ignorance?

Don’t let the world define moral tolerance. Accept what God accepts. Oppose what God opposes. And be sure you don’t “cherry pick” what to accept or oppose.

James Hayes

### Items of Note:

- James Hayes’ uncle and John Hayes’ brother-in-law, Jim Hoover, passed away Monday. The funeral was yesterday.
- Beverly Nicholson has completed her chemo and with have double mastectomy surgery Sept. 29.
- Susan Carter, a friend of a friend of Sherry Buchanan, began chemo for breast cancer Wednesday.
- Remember Mildred Walker & Haley Rector.

**This Morning’s Sermon: “Inspiration”  
Tonight’s sermon: “Why Do People Disagree About The Bible?”**

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: J. Buchanan

Pray: E. Walker

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Reed

Serve: D. Demonbreum, Hovis, Billingsley

Pray: M. Smith

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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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*“Jesus said, ‘Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.’ There are no exceptions. Baptism is a necessary ordinance.”*

*Gordon B. Hinkley*

James 3:13  
“Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.”

*“A friend is someone who knows all about you and still loves you.”*

*Elbert Hubbard*

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## Wealth

“Rich” is a relative term, isn’t it? Any American would be considered rich by any Indian person. Yet, next door neighbors in America might look at each other and think the other one is rich. But I don’t want to focus on the relativism of wealth. I want to talk about the big business owners, the people who own multiple houses, the people who retire in their 40s, and the movie stars and professional athletes. What comes to mind when you think of those people? Greedy? Selfish? Arrogant? Aloof? Stingy? But are those characteristics true of every rich person you know? What does God say about wealth?

First, we know that God blessed

many faithful people in Scripture with vast riches. Abraham, Job, and Solomon were just a few faithful people who maintained fortunes. So we know that God does not consider material possessions to be inherently sinful.

Second, even though wealth was a blessing from God for many people, God did not want that wealth to be wasted. I Timothy 6:17-19: “Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for them-

selves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.” Notice that Paul did not write that the rich should become poor; he wrote that the rich need to be rich in good works as well.

Third, envy is a sin. Someone once said that contentment is the art of wanting what you already have. But we know that many people want what others have. Envy is sinful because it is a rejection of God’s blessings. It shows that someone is displeased with what God has given them. We don’t need to look at God and say, “You haven’t done enough.”

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