

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

Unmet Expectations

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Why do you get frustrated? What makes your blood pressure shoot up? My guess is that you get frustrated for one general reason: Unmet expectations. You thought things were *supposed to go* one way, but they didn't. It wasn't supposed to rain on your wedding day. The teacher wasn't supposed to give a difficult test. The car was supposed to start when you turned the key. And so on. So, what are the remedies for unmet expectations?

(1). *Factor it in.* Don't assume that your plans will go off without a hitch. Life is unpredictable. He might not like the gift you gave him. Your wife might not wait on you hand and foot

every day of your marriage.

(2). *Let people make mistakes.* You are not perfect, so why do you expect others to be perfect? You have made bad decisions; others will, too. Your boss is allowed to do things you wouldn't do if you were the boss. The coach might not play your child in the game. Human beings will act like flawed human beings for the rest of their lives. Expect it.

(3). *Set reasonable goals.* Newsflash: You cannot be anything you want to be, but you can be exactly what God wants you to be. Use the talents God has given you for His glory. If you set goals that are unreasonable,

you will just be disappointed.

(4). *Do not depend on others for your happiness.* Some think they cannot be happy unless everyone around them is doing that right thing. But you cannot control what other people do. You can only control your actions. Happiness comes from a commitment to pleasing God and being faithful to His cause. "But godliness with contentment is great gain; for we brought nothing into the world, for neither can we carry anything out; but having food and covering we shall therewith be content" (I Tim. 6:6-8).

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Janet Tabor is still struggling with complications from the flu.
- David Tabor, Janet's son, is recovering well from recent hip replacement surgery.
- Continue to pray for those affected by the shooting in Marshall County, KY.
- If you see someone you don't recognize, introduce yourself. Everyone is welcomed at Pleasant View!

Mike McPherson Will Teach Sunday School And Preach Today Men's Meeting Today At 5:00

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Brown

Pray: John Hayes

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Billingsley

Serve: Doug, E. Walker, J. Buchanan

Pray: 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
Phone: 924-9714

Matthew 10:16

“Behold, I send you out as
sheep in the midst of wolves;
so be shrewd as serpents
and innocent as doves.”

*“The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the
attribute of the strong.”*

Gandhi

*“One of the keys to happiness is a bad mem-
ory.”*

Rita Mae Brown

“Hurt people, hurt people.”

Anonymous

What Is Your Motivation?

When it comes to matters of faith, why do you do what you do? Why do you share the gospel with others? Why do you worship on Sunday? Here are a few possible reasons:

(1). *Because God told you to.* As a faithful Christian, you strive to follow God’s commands. True disciples are loyal to their masters. So, you do faithful things because the Bible says so.

(2). *Because you know you are right.* You are convinced that your interpretation of Scripture is correct, so your motivation to live by faith is basically a celebration of that fact. You are right; everyone else is wrong.

(3). *Because somebody else told you to do it that way.* Your faith might not be personal—you are simply doing things a certain way because your parents or friends did them that way.

So, I ask again: Why do you do what you do? If you do things because the Bible commanded it, that’s good. It is absolutely possible for you to interpret Scripture the right way, so you should never feel ashamed to share the good news. And hopefully you were raised in a Christian home where the Lord and His church were celebrated. But above all else, you should live out your faith for one reason only: Because you love God. The apostle Paul said that if he

spoke in an angelic language, had mountain-moving faith, and gave away all his possessions, it wouldn’t matter, unless he was motivated by love (I Cor. 13:1-3).

We cannot call ourselves godly unless we live a life that is saturated with love. When asked what the two greatest commands were, Jesus said that every law is based on a love for God or a love for man (Matt. 22:37-38). If you find yourself motivated to do things from selfish ambition, repent. That is not a godly disposition. Love should reign. And if love reigns in your heart, love will return to you when you are in need.

James Hayes
