

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

Things That Are Free

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Last week I was at Sam's Club getting a new set of tires when I heard an announcement over the P.A. system: "If you want a free paring knife, see me under the yellow smiley face balloon." Immediately, customers began craning their necks to find the smiley face balloon. By the time I saw the smiley face balloon, a crowd of about 15 people were already settled in, awaiting their prize. But the real question is, how many of those people drove to Sam's that day thinking, "I really need a new paring knife"? Probably none. But they were eager to go home with a paring knife because it was free.

Even though it seems like

everything in life costs money, there are many things you can do today that are absolutely free. As in...

(1). *Saying "hello."* It costs nothing to say hello to someone. Have you ever wondered how many people will pass hundreds of other people on a given day and never have anyone acknowledge their presence? Jesus noticed children no one else cared about. He acknowledged a diseased woman who had touched His clothes. He saw Zaccheus in a tree. Notice people the way Jesus noticed people.

(2). *Cleaning up.* Wouldn't it be neat if Christians were

known for leaving a place cleaner than they found it? The Japanese World Cup soccer team left behind a spotless locker room after they were eliminated from the tournament in Russia. The picture of that locker room was all over the Internet. That team's reputation soared because of that one simple act.

(3). *Respecting others.* You can disagree. You can make moral judgments. You can say "no." And you can do all of those things while exhibiting a basic respect for everyone around you. Demonstrate tact—the ability to make a point without making an enemy.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Lisa McPherson, Mike McPherson's wife, died from ALS Thursday.
- Doug Demonbreum is still being treated for his heart condition.
- Canetha Walker is still receiving hospice care.
- Randy Baker is cancer free!
- Randy Guppton is still being treated for cancer.
- David Tabor, Janet's son, is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Morning Sermon: "Back To The Basics: Baptism For Forgiveness Of Sin"
Evening Sermon: "Sacrifice"

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: John Hayes

Pray: J. Walker

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: J. Baker

Serve: Reed, D. Demonbreum, Billingsley

Pray: Hovis

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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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*“How else but through a broken heart may the
Lord Christ enter in?”*

Oscar Wilde

Ephesians 4:32
“Be kind to one another,
tender-hearted, forgiving
each other, just as God in
Christ also has forgiven
you.”

*“People to whom sin is just a matter of words,
to them salvation is just words too.”*

William Faulkner

Things That Are Expensive

In 1960, a gallon of milk was 95 cents. A new car cost \$2,600. The average annual income was \$5,315. And some people wondered how they would ever pay off their new house...which cost about \$12,700. Times have changed. A night out for a family of four could cost \$100 or more. Renting or owning a house usually cost at least \$1000 a month, not including utilities. And let's not discuss the cost of health care.

Those are things we *have to* buy. Those are basic living expenses. But have you noticed how much money, time, energy, etc. we spend every year on things we don't need? Like these:

(1). *“Stupid tax.”* Personal finance

counselor Dave Ramsey calls unnecessary, foolish expenses “stupid tax.” He's referring to things like speeding tickets, parking tickets, late fees, and so on. Why waste money on carelessness? See your money as one of God's greatest gifts. Protect it (save it). Use it wisely (spend it). And share it (give to the church and those in need).

(2). *“Foreign Entanglements.”* In George Washington's Farewell Address, the president warned against the U.S. being too involved in “foreign entanglements.” For the Christian, the Bible gives a similar warning: “Bad company corrupts good morals” (1 Cor. 15:33). Avoid those whose morals, beliefs, and

ethics run counter to biblical directives. Serve the lost; do not conform to them.

(3). *Ignorance.* It is expensive to be uninformed. Ignorance leads you to the wrong spouse, the wrong politician, and the wrong job. It leaves you wondering what happened. Ignorance is only bliss when it keeps you from sinning; otherwise, ignorance isn't blissful at all. Be educated in God's word. Know your children's friends' parents. Find out what is going on in your community.

Life is expensive. Avoid unnecessary costs.

James Hayes
