

# Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

## The Lost Virtues

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What answers would you give to these three questions:

1. What is the chief virtue?
2. What are the virtues that both secularists and Christians champion?
3. What are the virtues that have vanished from our culture?

I would guess that you answered "love" for the first question. For the second question you might answer "courage," "honesty," or "trust." But what about the third question? There is probably a long list of answers for that question. Let's consider two possible answers:

(1). *Modesty*. Twenty-first

century American culture is all about "shock and awe"—do whatever you can do to bring attention to yourself. Curse often. Post shocking pictures online. Make outlandish claims about anything in the news. Modesty, therefore, is viewed as weakness. But the Bible states: "[M]ake it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands..." (I Thess. 4:11).

(2). *Chivalry*. In the Middle Ages, knights were expected to behave a certain way; namely, to be courageous, patriotic, and helpful to the weak. It is that last aspect of chivalry that permeates its meaning today. But chivalry has been rejected by

many secularists because it is viewed as condescending. Feminists see it as demeaning. But are we to believe that God is displeased when a man opens a door for a woman (or anyone else)? Is He angry when a man gives his coat to someone who is cold? Chivalry demonstrates respect and concern for others. Nothing more, nothing less. Teach modesty and chivalry to your children. Teach them to respect their fellow man. Teach them that in a world of attention-grabbing and arrogance, Christians should be models of humility and thoughtfulness.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Faye Waller and Catherine Pennington, Tammy Reed's mother, will have heart tests this week.
- We will eat tonight after church.
- Our building fund contribution is today. All of our collection will be added to that fund.
- Millie Hovis was with us Wednesday. We are happy for Wes and Shelby!

**Morning Sermon: "The Cross: The Confession"**  
**Tonight's Sermon: "Serving God In Every Season Of Life"**

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: J. Buchanan

Pray: J. Hayes

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Brown

Serve: D. Demonbreum, E. Walker, Gupton

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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Hebrews 6:10  
“For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.”

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## If I Were The Devil, By Paul Harvey (1964)

If I were the Prince of Darkness I would want to engulf the whole earth in darkness. I'd have a third of its real estate and four-fifths of its population, but I would not be happy until I had seized the ripest apple on the tree. So I should set about however necessary, to take over the United States. I would begin with a campaign of whispers. With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I whispered to Eve, "Do as you please." To the young I would whisper "The Bible is a myth." I would convince them that "man created God," instead of the other way around. I would confide that "what is bad is good and what is good is square."

In the ears of the young married I would whisper that work is debasing, that cocktail parties are good for you. I would caution them not to be "extreme" in religion, in patriotism, in moral conduct. And the old I would teach to pray — to say after me — "Our father which are in Washington."

Then I'd get organized. I'd educate authors in how to make lurid literature exciting so that anything else would appear dull, uninteresting. I'd threaten TV with dirtier movies, and vice-versa. I'd infiltrate unions and urge more loafing, less work. Idle hands usually work for me. I'd peddle narcotics to whom I could, I'd sell alcohol to ladies and gentle-

men of distinction, I'd tranquilize the rest with pills. If I were the Devil, I would encourage schools to refine young intellects, but neglect to discipline emotions; let those run wild. I'd designate an atheist to front for me before the highest courts and I'd get preachers to say, "She's right." With flattery and promises of power I would get the courts to vote against God and in favor of pornography. Thus I would evict God from the courthouse, then from the schoolhouse, then from the Houses of Congress.

If I were Satan I'd just keep doing what I'm doing and the whole world would go to hell as sure as the Devil.

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