

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

Mothers

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Someone once said, "Life doesn't come with a manual, it comes with a mother." Everyone who has ever lived (save Adam and Eve) has had one. There are nurturing mothers, neglectful mothers, helpful mothers, dangerous mothers, protective mothers, and godly mothers.

So, what makes a good mother? Why is it that some mothers seem to fall into that role naturally while others seem to struggle in every aspect of motherhood? The following questions might get to the heart of the matter:

(1). *Who was their model for motherhood?* Great mothers beget great mothers.

Daughters tend to do the things their moms did. God bless those mothers who had to overcome the poor training they received from their ungodly mothers.

(2). *Do they receive support from faithful husbands?* Most great mothers have great husbands who help them carry out the difficult work of motherhood. Christian women should pursue Christian men to marry, and they should ask their potential spouse, "If I promise to be the best mother I can be, will you promise to be the best husband and father you can be?"

(3). *Are they in it for the long*

haul? Some mothers are good with babies, but go into motherly "auto-pilot" when their children become teenagers. Others favor their daughters because they do not have much in common with their sons. And so on. Great mothers know they need to be dedicated to that role from beginning to end, in every situation. The Bible states that we should give honor to whom honor is due (Rom. 13:7). There is not a segment of our society that needs to be honored more than mothers. Their sacrifices cannot be measured.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- It was good to see Lowell Gregory and Robert Williams at our services last Sunday!
- Beverly Nicholson got a clear scan. No cancer!
- Kristine Garrett continues to improve.
- James and Vera will be married at a family wedding on June 28. A reception for everyone will be July 13 at Bellevue church of Christ. Times TBA.
- Pray for Mani Pagidipalli and his work.

Morning Sermon: "Godly Mothers" Evening Sermon: "How Does God Lift You Up?"

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: John Hayes

Pray: Brown

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Reed

Serve: J. Demonbreum, E Walker, J. Buchanan

Pray: Billingsley

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A.M. Worship: 10:30
P.M. Worship: 6:00
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm
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II Corinthians 7:10
“For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.”

This year's Gospel Meeting with Coopertown will be July 7-10, with Mike McPherson as the speaker. Mike has spoken at Pleasant View twice and been well-received both times. His theme will be "Maintaining My Faith When..." He will address serious issues of life that challenge one's faith. Mike has personally experienced the things he will discuss. It will be a great week! Mark your calendars!

Misinterpreting Interpretation

Why are there so many Christian denominations? I believe the main reason is that each group uses a different model (hermeneutic) for interpreting Scripture. Some see Scripture as purely allegorical—the events of Scripture should not be taken literally: they are just stories that teach broad theological lessons. Others view Scripture as literal—every passage, even apocalyptic passages in Revelation, should be understood at face value. Churches of Christ have used the “command, example, inference” model for centuries. That model has been challenged lately as being “invalid” (as someone told me in an online discussion) and/or archaic. But I believe that “command,

example, inference” (CEI) is as valid as ever, and it can bring us as close as possible to God’s will for man...if we teach it correctly.

Many who object to CEI do not understand what it actually represents. When we say, “Follow the commands of Christ,” we are *not saying* that every command of Christ and His apostles is binding on man forever. We are only referring to the timeless commands that are meant to guide Christians and the church until the Lord comes again. When we say, “Follow the examples of the early church,” we are *not saying* that everything the early church did should be mimicked. We should only follow their example in cases

when they were followed the commands of Christ. When we say, “We have freedom to practice things that are necessary for carrying out the commands of Christ and His apostles,” we are *not saying* that there is a defined list of acceptable “freedoms” within the church. Song leaders, church buildings, microphones, etc. are examples of necessary aids that help us conduct the work of the church, but, as technology changes, new aids may become available for spreading the gospel more efficiently and effectively.

When any new practice is advocated, always ask, “By what authority are we doing this?” The answer might surprise you.
