NEGATIVE

I have been accused many times in my life of being “NEGATIVE.” Some would object to being called that but I plead guilty. I do not believe I am an unreasonable man, but I just think there are some things where a sane person should make an objection.

For instance, there are many things we do in life and worship where we have pretty clear and direct instruction from God’s word. Like we are not to covet (Ex 20:17; Rom 7:7) Shouldn’t we be negative about covetousness. When the Bible tells us how destructive pride is, (Prov. 16:18; Mark 7:22) Since God hates pride, should we not also? (Prov. 6:16) “There are six things which Jehovah hateth; Yea, seven which are an abomination unto him;” Shouldn’t we be negative about the same things God is negative about?

The idea that God and Jesus harbor no ill under any circumstance is preposterous. Jesus became angry and threw the money changers out of the temple. (John 2:14; Mark 3:5)

There is nothing wrong with being negative if it is about the right things. And there is plenty of things to be negative about. The church is slipping, badly, from its moorings. There was a time when our brethren insisted on a “thus saith the Lord,” for the things we did in the church. Most of them are gone now and there is little concern, it seems to me, about being exact on some of our activities. I sometimes wonder if the apostles lived today, if they would find any thing familiar in our worship services.

Be careful brethren, let us insist we still do things “by the book.”