OUR FEEL GOOD AGE

Who told you everyone had to feel good? Who told you it was your responsibility to make everyone feel good? Is there any time it is alright to have a problem or get aggravated?

For a long time now, we have been fed the idea that we can say nothing and do nothing that will upset others. If a difficulty arises, we tiptoe around it. If someone is upset with us, we try to assuage their feelings. In some cases we even ignore things that should be address because of this attitude.

And this attitude has found its way into the church now for a long time. Members are afraid to complain because they don’t want to “upset.” Elders are afraid to tell wayward members they must take responsibility because they might “quit.” (I have news for them. They already have!) Preachers are reluctant to preach lessons that will upset. So what we do is to speak like the false prophets in Jeremiah. “They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD…They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’” (Jer. 22:16-17 ESV)

If we have come to the point of appealing to those who want their egos massaged we are in pitiful shape. The truth must be told. Only the truth will set us free. (John 8:32) Subjects such as attendance, marriage, divorce, and remarriage, abstinence, giving and other subjects are avoided because “people don’t want to hear it.”

We like living in this world but when are we going to learn that here we prepare for the next?

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