THE NEGATIVITY SYNDROME

Please understand me, I am sometimes a negative person in many situations. I see danger and I talk about it. Someone does something not according to scripture and I point it out. I have been called a “troublemaker” and even worse at times.

In all my life however, I have never seen such a constant barrage of negativity, not only by the media and politicians but it has gotten into the psyche of the church. For the most part our announcements are about the sick and infirm. While we certainly care about them, they are not the foundation of our existence.

It did not come all at once. It came about over a period of more than fifty years. It may have began innocently but as time passed it became a concentrated effort.

Sayings like, “You can’t do it all yourself.” “Everyone needs help once in a while.” We have been bombarded by media and officialdom for so long we have bought into the idea that “we need help.”

Christians have something that others do not have, the Bible. Remember “So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?” (Heb. 13:5) “For each man shall bear his own burden.” (Gal 6:5) This is not new, listen to Isaiah, “For the Lord Jehovah will help me; therefore have I not been confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.” (Isa. 50:7)

Christians, above everyone, should be able to deal with adverse situations in a better way than most. The God we serve is more vibrant and powerful than some want to believe.

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