

Reconstructing My Own History Am I Thinking About My Past Rightly?
11/30/2025

Ecclesiastes 7:10 " Do not say, 'Why is it that the former days were better than these?' For it is not from wisdom that you ask about this."

When we were kids we all had to take the brow-beating of our elders who went on and on about how their days were better. It only takes a little to see through that flawed line of reasoning. Each generation has its own triumphs and its own shame. Although, as we get closer to the end of the age, a general and short-lived rebellion against God and His people takes place, one should not abandon making this world better in every way possible, every moment they can.

It is a battle for the souls of men. I am the light of the world, Jesus said. When I spend time with Him, THE light , then I reflect that to others. I received no orders to neglect and lambast Millennials, or the elderly, or the boomers. They are just people, folks.

When did I become so afraid of people? When did I start believing I could isolate myself from the people who need the light in me?

Jesus' prayer in **John 17:15** was that we were to be, **"in the world , but not of it."**

Another command of Jesus, given to every Christian was to, **"Go into the world and make disciples." Matthew 28: 18-20.**

It is called the great commission, not the great suggestion!

We are always leaving a few things out when we "reconstruct," or "re-remember and edit" our own history. In any age, there has always been sin. It has peaked severely several times in history. Righteousness has had good effect also. The command to me and you is the same. If I love the lost, then I can't be afraid of them. Cautious; yes --- fearful; no.

I don't want to go back in time because I am not a fool. I need to be fully engaged, right now, with the things that count for Christ. I need to build relationships with those who need the light that comes out of me by God's grace. Jesus said He was the light and because we spend time with Him we glow, and become lights of the world also. **John 8:12 of Jesus; and us in Matthew 5: 14-16.**

This light is strengthened in you and me because of the things we do and think while in private. But if that private time is thinking of another way to escape the discomfort of this world, and blather to others about "the good old days," then our life failed being what it was meant to be.

It is the year 2025 and about to be 2026; Get to work! Set your mind! Live intentionally!

The Lord gives a comfort and a joy as we are fighting the good fight. There is no heavenly comfort or joy, however, for those wanting only earthly comfort, then complaining about how much better the old days were.

Even if we were right about, "the good old days," it is still earthly days spoken of, and far from the wonder and majesty of what is to come for you and me. **Colossians 3:1-4**

Really, we are saying to them, "Not only were my days better, but I am better than you because I was there!" All this, while smugly believing we have God's approval in our (holy?) isolation.

Would you like to know a secret? One of the predominate signs of the end times is that **"because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold."** Is that what's happening to you and me? Have we stopped "leaning into" the battle? **Matt. 24:12**

I love how **Romans 12:3-21** gives the right attitude to have in all things, especially the work of the Lord to be done by every believer; right here; right now. Who reads that and does not want to be that person! Paul said it while Nero (54-68 A.D.) ruled! He did not want to go back to the comfort of his rich life as a Pharisee. How wise Paul was to live his new life in Christ and impact his world, right in those moments!

ROMANS 12:3-21

Look, you cannot go back. Stop dreaming of it. While you are seeking comfort in dreaming of, "the good old days," others are having to do double-duty in the current battle of this age because you have become "SAINT ELSEWHERE."

Don't get passed over for promotion! "Here I am Lord, send me!" Engage; engage; engage!