Modern Towers Of Babel
Gen. 11:1-9

Introduction:
A. Builders of tower too prestige conscious: “Let us make a name for ourselves”
B. Church often suffers from prestige conscious members - big thinkers.
C. Goal of church in not to be envy of sin infested world.
   1. Recognition for doing good is good. (Mt. 5:16; 1 Tim. 3:7).
   2. Prestige consciousness too often results in compromise of principle. (Gal. 2:11-13; Jas. 3:1-4).
D. Prestige conscious element in church busy building modern towers of Babel.

Discussion:
II. The Tower of Centralization.
   1. No large organization and institutions to combine churches.
   2. It worked. (Col. 1:23).
B. There is considerable pride and worldly prestige in larger organizations.

III. The Tower Of Human Wisdom.
A. Human wisdom cannot save souls. (1 Cor. 1:18-25).
   1. Paul’s fleshly accomplishments of little value to his work. (Phil. 3:4-8).
   2. Peter and John were untrained and uneducated by human standards. (Acts 4:13).
B. Modern bid for prestige is way we measure greatness and success.
   1. Preachers advertized as: Dr., educator, business executive, etc.
   2. Church are “good” is made up of such elite.

IV. The Tower of Positivism.
A. Brethren accept idea that “accentuating the positive and eliminating the negative”.
   1. People must not be told they are wrong, but that we a more right.
   2. Preach to make people feel good about themselves - not pointing out sins. (cf. Pentecost).
B. Bible both positive and negative. (2 Tim. 4:2; Tit. 2:11,12; 2 John 9).

V. The Tower of Numerical Strength.
B. When numbers become goal:
   1. Conversion minimized.
   2. Discipline neglected.
   3. Preaching toned down.
   4. Emotionalism abounds.

VI. The Tower Of The “Social Gospel”.
A. Church is spiritual institution with spiritual mission. (Eph. 3:10; 1 Tim. 3:10).
B. Social gospel may win prestige, but not souls. (Rom. 1:16; Gal. 1:8,9).
C. Church should not and cannot compete in social realm.

Conclusion
A. Have be become to prestige conscious?
B. Let us be more interested in going to heaven than making a name.
C. Obey the simple gospel today!
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Prestige conscience: “Let us …” Church suffers from -
big thinkers Goal not envy of sin infested world Recognition OK (Mt. 5:16; 1 Tim 3:7) Often compromise (Gal 2:11-13; Jas. 3:1-4) Busy building towers..

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