

## **A Look at History**

The value of history is to be able to trace cause and effect. Each generation is either blessed or cursed by its predecessors. Winston Churchill said, “The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you can see.” In 1905 George Santayana, philosopher, essayist, poet, and novelist wrote, “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”

Biblically: 3500 years ago, when the judges were serving, evidence records a series of the rise and fall of the children of Israel that continued to repeat the same transgression: Judges 3—19

During the last several decades, “churches of Christ” have moved from conservatism to liberalism; from the forefront of conservative doctrine to be better described by Paul, saying, “For the time will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine; but, having itching ears, will heap to themselves teachers after their own lusts; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside unto fables” (2 Tim. 4:3-4). History keeps repeating itself. ret