

I Just Follow The Good Examples Here

Scenario:

The congregation is sound from the standpoint of teaching and the work going on there. The congregation is at peace. Everyone seems to be of the same mind and judgment on spiritual matters and even when it comes to liberties. The atmosphere when brethren are assembled is joyful and comfortable. There are several members who serve as good examples in various ways (i.e. Titus 2:1-8). The congregation appears to be growing in knowledge. Then an uncomfortable discussion takes place.

Statement That Arises From Our Scenario:

After a class discussion several members are talking about how good it is to be at peace. One of those in the discussion says: "I just feel like we can take it easy. My family spends a lot of time around brethren. The world is not a problem for us. My only friends are the brethren here. We just observe and follow the good examples we have here. It makes me feel safe."

A Later Statement Is Made:

After some time, one in that discussion thinks some things need to be set straight and says: "We shouldn't feel comfortable. We should always be alert. It is great to be with brethren, but to think the world is not a problem for any of us is a naive thought. When it comes to our brethren being good examples, I know that sounds good. However, we have to use the Scriptures as our pattern and be cautious not to become followers of men. Being too comfortable may lead us down that road. Also, someone else's decisions may be right for them, but maybe not for you. Stay alert."

For Discussion: What do you see in those statements?