

Ken Wilber's 2001 novel *Boomeritis* is a post-modern philosophical treatise, couched in a novel, which is meant to shine a light on what is wrong with things.

In a conversation early in the book, the protagonist is told:

*Boomers said that every generation before them sucked, and every generation after them were slackers.*

In other words, the generational problem is summed up as blaming the past, and blaming the future ... so that nothing can ever be blamed on the present.

Not that this is a new idea.

In the First Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel, the prophet - as God's mouthpiece - speaks on sin and virtue. If you turn toward virtue, you are forgiven ... if you turn your back on virtue, you are condemned. This is met with cries of unfairness. As if we can create a bank account of good deeds and then live a life of sin while writing checks on the past.

In other words, we cannot rest on our laurels.

What is important here is that the present moment is where we can confront our shortcomings ... and in the present moment we can make the choice to change things.

We cannot change the past, so why blame it? We cannot write the future, so why try? What we can do is live in the present moment, and turn our lives toward God and live for Him.

The Gospel gives us a view on another generational issue - moral minimalism. Some will say that they don't go to confession because they haven't killed anyone. In the Gospel, Jesus shows us that while physical murder may be the extreme outcome of certain internal dispositions, beliefs, and attitudes, — that spiritual murder can come about through such things as anger, contempt, and un-forgiveness.

As we approach this altar to receive the Sacred Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ ... let us come to Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament ... just as we are ... right now ... in the present moment. With all of our faults and failings ... whatever that may be. And being honest with ourselves, let us rely on the graces of our redemption ... to change us. From the people we are into the people God has called us to become ... through the graces of our Baptism.