

And finally we notice in this parable ~~And finally we notice in this parable~~ that each of us is responsible for his own ~~religion~~ ^{service, and} not for that of others. We organize together into groups, voluntary organizations, and when we do we naturally have people in control, who have the responsibility for the leadership of others in that voluntary organization. The church is not that type of an organization. We are united directly to Christ by virtue of being children of Christ who has died that we might live, we are in a brotherhood in ~~the~~ church, but we form agencies, we form organizations to direct ~~the~~ ^{ly} advance the word in this or that or the other way, and in those organizations we work out ways of cooperation and as long as we are in them, we have a certain responsibility to those who are set over us in the organization. But in a larger way, in our relationship to Christ, He puts the man with the five talents, who has made ten, and called him good and faithful servant. He took the man who hid it in the ground and He called him an unprofitable servant and said He would cast him out into outer darkness, and each of us has a direct responsibility to God for our own service, rather than for that of somebody else. Oh, if we can help others, fine. If we can show others how ~~we~~ ^{they} can improve their service, fine. But I find that if others come to me and ask me what I could suggest to them, there is tentimes greater acceptance than if I go on my own initiative to them with the suggestion. If I can make a record...

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...but we are responsible to Christ, each one of us directly. And you remember how the Roman Catholic Church ~~said~~ ^{thinks} that Peter was in charge of everything, and the World Council of Churches is going to build a great world hierarchy in which the authorities will tell us what kind of a kingdom of God we should build. ~~Most~~ ^{Both} of them ideas that are utterly contrary to the teaching of the Word of God, but Peter, the very one whom the Roman Catholic Church ~~thinks~~ ^{thinks} was to be the head of the church, after Jesus' resurrection, we read in the 21st chapter of John, that Jesus said to Peter, Peter lovest thou me? He said, thou knowest that I love thee. He said to him, feed my sheep. And he says that three times, and after Peter heard that three times, he said (1 1/2)