

Now Peter can go ahead and find out ~~how~~ to run the church and how to tell others what to do, so we read that in v.20, then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee? Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus said to him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me.

Peter is going to tell John ~~what~~ to do. Peter is the head of the church. Well how can he be the head of the church if Jesus doesn't tell him (2 1/4)

Jesus ~~said~~, what is that to thee. If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? But John was afraid people would think that meant he wouldn't die so John continued and said Then went this saying abroad~~/~~ among the brethren, that that disciple ~~sh~~ould not die, yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die, but if I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? Jesus didn't choose to tell Peter what John would do. He didn't choose to tell Peter whether John would live until Jesus came, because He wanted them to expect His coming, and John was going to have a long life, and He wanted ~~him~~^{us} to be ready if the Lord came, at any time, and not say, well John is still living, Jesus couldn't come yet, ~~he~~ he has got to die. No, If I will that he tarry, what is that to thee? follow thou me. He has given us each our talent, we each have our work to~~d~~ do, and if we neglect our work, trying to worry about whether the other fellow is doing his work or not, God is not going to be happy about this. He is happy about us doing our work and using the talents~~//~~ He has given us to accomplish the purposes that He has for each one of us. Now which will it come when He comes? Will He say well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord? Or will He say, thou wicked and slothful servant? Slothful? Many are not slothful at all that He will say that to. Very industrious, very active, but active in the wrong thing. They're doing the things that He didn't ask them to do, and they're failing~~th~~ to do the things that He did ask them to do, and He will call them wicked and slothful servants. Oh may the Lord enable us to find out, first of all, to make sure that we're not rebellious citizens, but we're faithful servants, to make sure we know Jesus