

In our Presbyterian system it has always been our custom that whenever a man is ordained as ~~an~~ an elder or as a minister he is asked at a public meeting, Do you accept the Bible as the inerrant Word of God, as the only infallible guide of faith and practice? That ~~is~~ question is asked of every minister and of every elder who is being ordained.

This man was asked, Are you ordained as an elder? Oh, he said, I don't know. I am an elder but I don't remember being ordained. They said, How did you become an elder? Well, he said, there was some sort of ceremony; I remember that. Well, they said, Did you take any vows? He said, They asked me a few question, I remember that and I was told to say ~~yes~~ yes to these questions to become an elder. Well, here is a University publicly declaring his belief in certain things as simply part of the course, and having no ~~real~~ realization of the meaning of the questions.

It shows what happens in our churches when ministers take vows and then procede to preach the exact opposite of what they have ~~vowed~~ take vows and never have it impressed upon them what they are taking, what they are doing. It is important when we sign any statement and make any statement that we as Christians --- and our Lord Jesus said, Let your yea be yea and your nay nay. When you say something know what you mean and stand by it. However, this was a very revealing attitude -- this attitude that has developed in our churches with the general relativistic attitude toward truth that has been so much disseminated in recent decades.

This deposition they got from him seemed to give a pretty strong basis for winning the case. They felt very happy about having the trial on June 6. When I was consulted on it I personally felt that it would be wise to take time to study through the possible approaches that might be made on defense on this. To study it through very thoroughly and look at possible ways they might try to undermine our testimony and to be thoroughly prepared for it. So when Mr. Miller called me and told me he had consulted ~~several~~ several professors who were fundamentalists in different parts of the country and how they had agreed to send affidavits and how he wanted me to and one of my associates at Faith Seminary to come out there and be witnesses in the trial. I said to him, I'd like to see this deposition of Dr. Fowlers. He said, Well get a copy and send it to you. I wanted to see it in advance. I said we've just finished our commencement; we're very tired. I said, If we could have a month to prepare for this; if we could have the trial postponed say until July and we could get prepared for all possible angles, I felt we could have a much better case.

He said, I'll let you talk with the lawyer. The lawyer said, If we did such a thing it would tip our hand. He said if we tell them we can't have the trial June 6 because we want to bring witnesses from the East and they won't be ready then, we want to have it in July, that would tip our hand that we are bringing witnesses from the East, and we'll have a much better chance if the other side doesn't know just what we're going to do; it's much better to go ahead and have it June 6. I thought later he didn't need to worry about the other side, what they were going to do because as soon as the matter was initiated in January, an assistant attorney General for the state signed up for the course which was now just beginning to be given again and attended the course, and thus was thoroughly familiar with all the ins and outs of what was said in the course.