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that the servant of the Lord must not strive." Someone who was there told me -- I wasn't there but he told me that these two men just repeated his versel No organization was formed. Actually both verses are in the Bible. Both are true and both need to be stressed. We need to stress to contend earnestly for the faith. We need equally to stress that we are not to be contentions, and particularly we are not to contend over minor matters. This verse "the servant of the Lord must not strive" is found in 2 Tim. 2:24-26. There we read(v. 23) "But foolish and unlearned questions avoid # knowing that they do gender strife and the servant of the Lord must not strive." In the context it is clear that he must not strive over secondary matters, over matters the Lord has not made clear, matters that in the eyes of God are foolish and unlearned. He must not strive but be gentle to all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekiness instructing those that oppose themselves.

I remember when Francis Shaeffer first graduated from seminary. He went out to Western Pa. and became paster of a little separated church there. It had 13 members. He was there a year and a half and had 120 when he left. But he told me, I'll never undertake a job like that again. I think he worked 18 hours a day at it. He did a tremendous task spreading the Word of God and growing that fast there. I don't think you can expect to develop any church as rapidly as that. But one thing he told me that interested me was how he found that just 4 miles from his church there was another church that belonged to the denomination that Francis had formerly belonged to before he came out and joined the church, and it had a paster who seemed to want to stand for the Word of God. Francis did not go and say