

people in to your view in your particular church, do it that way. But I don't think the Lord wants us to break fellowship over forms and ceremonies. I think He wants us to stand together in Christian fellowship for the vital things that are taught in the Word. And so on these matters, you will, I believe, have a very important responsibility before the Lord of deciding what are the vital things, and stand on them, and on the secondary things, giving education over a period of time. And if you find that ~~there~~ is a wonderfully fine man, he's a grand Christian, and he's a great help in the church, but he insists on going out occasionally, and taking a long auto ride on Sunday, and you think that is breaking the Sabbath day, and shouldn't do that, well, there's no use of making a series of sermons on it and driving him out of the church. You ~~do~~ probably do some things he disagrees with too. And I know one man, Dr. Kuyper of Westminster Seminary, gave a charge to a man when he was being ordained, I was present, I had another part in the ordination service. And he said to him he went into a church and the people there thought it was wrong to fish. Fishing was wrong, and he ~~said~~ said, it was his duty then to fish. He went fishing to show his Christian liberty. It was his duty. I think that was wicked. I think absolutely it was. I ~~think~~ think it is wrong to say that fishing is wrong, but if the people don't want you to fish, well there are other ways of getting your relaxation. Why do you have to stand on your insistence on your own way on things like that. Now, of course, if the people want you to preach a series of sermons that fishing is wicked, you can't preach it if you don't believe it. And if they want you to discipline people for fishing, and you don't believe it, well, you may have to leave the church. You may have to. But I don't think you should make a big fight over it.

Well, now, this all is related to the original question Mr. Lindberg raised as to the relation with the officers of the church. The officers of the church have some very definite ideas. So try to get what their ideas are as much as you can before you go there. And if you find they have strong ideas on very minor matters, that don't matter, and you are willing to go along with them, well, go along with them, don't get in and then after six months start pounding