

the minor things may be good, and helpful in their proper place. But your emphasis, in my opinion should be on the major things.

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AAM: There's a very great danger of that, but where you get that, I don't think2....., with really ~~xxx~~ Spirit-filled preaching, I don't think you can get fifty % of your people in the ~~xxxx~~ state of suspended animation. It is entirely possible to go into a church which is in a situation where 80 % of the church are unbelievers. They are people who are in the church for social prestige, because it is the thing to do, and I think you shouldn't go into a church like that, but if you go into a church where the gospel has been preached, and the people want to know the Word of God, and you go into a place like that and fifty % of the church is dead, it is very rare that the thing that you should properly do then is to institute disciplinary procedures against them. In most cases you will find that with proper preaching you can ~~xxxxx~~ waken the true attitude of desire to serve the Lord in those people that are3....., you can waken them.....

Student:.....

AAM: Yes, well, of course, there too, the matter of discipline. What do we mean by discipline? Now Calvin's concept, as he introduced it in Geneva, was he divided the city up among the elders, so that they had people with a responsibility for a certain number of people. And their responsibility wasn't simply to watch these people and see that they did some wicked thing for which they should be punished, but it was to get such touch with these people, that they could know whether they were going forward spiritually, or whether they were going backward. And they could know what their attitude and their need was. And thus to have a contact with them which made it impossible to deal with things that were small things before they became such. Now there are some cases that will need discipline anyway. But if your discipline can be only that which is given for cases that are incorrigible, and it is preceded by