

went around. So we can say, that is like a missionary leader, & we can say that is not a model for the church. The fact remains that they could do that, & and it can be used as a considerable argument. And where Paul speaks to Timothy of the ~~ft~~ gift which he had through the laying on of his hands, and he tells Timothy what ~~might~~ kind of men to look for leaders in the different churches, you can get considerable warrant from the NT. for the hierarchical type of govt., but no direct commands for it. And, we can explain the different instances in such a way as to convince ourselves that it is not actually a warrant for the hierarchical type of govt. And we do have the specific statement in connection with Timothy, that the gift he had by the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. We have that specific statement. Showing that there was an appointment by a body, rather than by a man.

And, we of course, do have the fact that we ~~know~~ nowhere in the N.T. have any evidence of one ~~eng~~ congregation ruled by one man. But wherever there is reference to rulers of a congregation, they are always a group, rather ~~an~~ than an individual. So that is the N.T. evidence for and against this ~~type~~ type of govt. and the arguments formed against it, ~~xx~~

And B, is the opposite extreme. Pure congregationalism. The independent, entirely independent system with a congregation, each individual equal vote in determining who is to be the preacher of the congregation. This is the opposite extreme from the hierarchical, it is a system which has absolutely no N.T. ~~warrant~~ warrant, for there is not ~~an~~ evidence in the N.T. anywhere of a congregation selecting its leader or its bishops or its elders, without any supervision from a group or an individual otherwise. ~~There~~ There is absolutely no evidence of any such thing anywhere in the NT. It is free from the dangers of the Hierarchical and prelatical system, & but it has the opposite type of dangers. What is everybody's business is nobody's business, and the whole congregation isn't apt to give the thought to the matter that is required. It is apt to be a few that gives the thought, and & most of the others follow along blindly. So you are apt to have govt. by a small ~~ft~~ group, but it is an ~~unofficial~~ unofficial group, rather than a recognized group. The body as a whole