

points are, to be striven ~~for~~ for under any particular system. You can take any one of these systems, and it won't work itself. And each has certain advantages and certain disadvantages. And in each one you can get some of the advantages from other systems, in one way or another, if you watch for them, and are aware of them.

And that is what we want to do, ~~if~~ to try to see what is aimed at. What the objective is. But I want to go on now, to number 2. Number 1 was the most ~~ix~~ important function of church govt. to determine who shall preach to a particular congregation. And this is the most important one, because this one will determine what the church is eventually. And others won't. This one will. If you insist on the wrong man continuing to preach, the church will either go off into heresy and sin, or it will die out. If you do not get the right man. This one is the very thing that is basic ~~is~~ in the end. But there are other things that are vital and we want to look at them.

(question) Now, the removing of ~~an~~ an erring pastor, Mr. Auffarth said a word about it, and we might look at it again. In the pure hierarchical system, the superior individual or group can quietly summon the pastor to come before him, and explain his attitude on things, he can gather evidence, and he can remove him. And if you have a perfect man as the hierarchical officer, this is the ideal system. But there aren't many ~~experier~~ perfect men, of course. Now, under the congregational system, the congregation can have a meeting and vote to fire. They can do that, but they rarely do it, I ~~do~~ don't think it is very ~~often~~ often done, at least not on grounds of doctrine. If it is done, it is more apt to be done on grounds of general dissatisfaction. But on this particular point, the Pres. system has a machinery set up. The semi-pres. has none. But the pres. has a machinery set up. And it is a machinery which again should not be used freely and constatnly. There are some people that become enamored of it, and if there is anybody who doesnt like the way the minister combs his, he thinks he should bring charges against him to the presbytery. Of course that sort of thing is ridiculous in the first place, and if a person gets that idea he should be sat on very hard. It is not the purpose of it. But it is