

the purpose that when a minister falls into sin or into error, there is an outside group, not tied up in emotion with the immediate situation, and trained as experts in the problems involved, to come in, to call witnesses, to get evidence, to protect the man's good name by not letting the thing ~~gt~~ get publicly known until they have clear evidence that there really is something there, but to investigate the thing, and to decide either to clear the man or to fire him.

Now, in a congregation it is pretty hard to do anything without it getting a lot of publicity and excitement, and there are tremendous difficulties in the way in the congregational type. The pres. system, if the minister and others are on their toes, watching for real evidence of the sort, and ready to step in and do something, has the machinery set up. Sometimes it works very well, and often very poorly. But it has the machinery set up. Many of the ~~people~~ people who have been in~~t~~ the pres. system have had experience in the hierarchical system, and have seen instances there where there has been very unjust dealings in ~~these~~ these matters, false accusations, and so the tendency is to be a bit too much away from the use of this machinery at all. On the other hand, a ~~person~~ person can go too much in the other direction.

(question) I think the big points in Matthew 18, there, are when you have an accusation against somebody, go and talk with him. And be sure you are right. You are not going be ~~hearsay~~ hearsay alone. And get your facts straight and be sure that you don't have a personal prejudice involved. I think that is the main thing here.

Well, now, number 2, to direct the activities of a particular congregation. The function of ch. govt, to direct the activities of a particular congregation. Now here we have the two extremes meeting in this one. To direct the activities of a particular congregation. The hierarchical system, theoretically, ~~has~~ as the head of the whole church, well the Roman Catholic, theoretically is the hierarchical system. They have the head of the whole church, who has his officials under him, and officials under them, and you go on down, and they give the commands as to what is to be done by a particular congregation. ?But ~~it~~ it has been the experience of the Roman Catholic Church that running