

Now, chances are, that most of you, ~~if~~ if you are pastors of congregations, will find yourself with the pres. system, as far as the local congregation is concerned. That is my guess, that most of you will have a body, whether it be deacons, whether it be an official council, whether it be elders, whatever it is, a body which is elected by the people, and associated with you in the work. And right here is a place where it is worth every bit of thought and time you can give to it. Your relationship to these men, in the control~~of~~ of the church. You will find the same thing that I have found, the essential problem in the running of the seminary. I have found all these years. Here is the essential problem. It is not to decide what to do about problems, it is to decide which problems ~~we~~ need something done immediately. You will find a great many things where it doesn't matter what you do so long as you do something right away. And if you don't do anything, the thing can get into all ~~a~~ kinds of disagreements, and excitements and difficulties, and you can with just a little finger put the right place and the thing is all ~~over~~ over. And you will find a lot of things that everybody gets all excited about, and the thing to do is let them talk. And the more they ~~talk~~ talk and the ~~more~~ more they loosen the pressure, the more everything irons out, and everybody has had his ~~say~~ say, and everybody is happy, and they go right on the ~~the~~ way they were before. But to decide which problems you can just say, o leave it in the Lord's hands, and it will work itself out. And which problems there ~~are~~ are which you can put your finger right in and stop it immediately. That is the big problem.

Now, if you have a good group of elders, or deacons, or whatever you want to call them, they will be a tremendous help ~~in~~ in deciding this problem. And it is very very wise to talk over all your ~~problems~~ problems with your board. And you are not ~~only~~ only getting the benefit of their advice, you are ~~training~~ training them. You are giving them to understand your ~~viewpoint~~ viewpoint, on a lot of things. And here is a matter that you would know right away what you think ought to be done, but let them talk it over at length. And even if they don't bring anything out in their discussion that clarifies your ideas on it, if they, as a result of their discussion, come in the end to the ~~understanding~~