

Methodist church has this system. And the minister is supreme in the church, but the bishop is supreme over the minister. Not exactly that, there are certain qualifications, but it is close. It is the military system, and it has great advantages for rapid development and rapid enlargement, rapid extension of the work. But it ~~is~~ has the great disadvantages which may come, first from the great danger of getting the wrong people in these ~~positions~~ positions of power. And secondly, from the danger of the stifling of the initiative of the ~~people~~ people as a whole. Through the fact that the orders and the decisions are all made by one central headquarters. And by one ~~central~~ central individual in the church.

It ~~is~~ is used with remarkable effectiveness in the Roman Catholic Church in this country. Perhaps not nearly so effectively in some other ~~countries~~ countries. But the Roman Catholic church, one reason why its practical system is so very effective is that it realizes the necessity of developing ~~individual~~ individual initiative. And it is remarkable to how great an extent the activities ~~within~~ within the Roman Catholic Church are developed by the initiative of the different groups, with the bishop simply watching over to see that there is nothing which he thinks works against the interests of the Roman Catholic Church, and ~~allowing~~ allowing these groups a tremendous amount of individual initiative in developing their ideas and electing officers and in carrying on work under the general overall direction of the church. That is, the Roman Catholic Church in practice is very very far from the pure prolatinal system. Because they ~~have~~ have learned the importance of finding some means of developing the initiative of the individual.

Now, the method of ch. govt which is the opposite extreme from this is the congregational system. And the ~~congregational~~ congregational method of directing the activities of the congregation, if your ~~congregation~~ congregation gets to any size, is not an effective ~~method~~ method, the pure congregational method. Because, if your group gets to be any ~~great~~ great ~~size~~ size, you have too many people trying to solve all the problems, they don't have time to think them through carefully, and there aren't enough of them that have the interest to think them