

and so long as a man is willing to do that service for us, he doesn't have to be a spiritual man. And so they have elected men purely on the basis, some churches have done this, purely on the basis of their ability in material matters. Sometimes even getting ~~men~~ men who are outside the church altogether. Because they were willing to do a service ingiving their ~~knowledge~~ knowledge of ~~a~~ material things. And the ~~people~~ people said, all authority is in the ~~hands~~ hands of the elders, the trustees simply hold property for us and tend to these material things. But the trustees don't like to feel that they are just a group that are doing what the eldrs tell them. And unde~~r~~rthat system, very often, the ~~trustees~~ trustees have asserted themselves.

We had it up in Princeton Seminary, in the old days. We had a ~~board~~ board of directors who ran the seminary, and a board of trustees who held the property. And they attending to the material things. Well, they naturally time came when they wanted to assert themselves, and at Princeton Seminary we had a board of directors who wanted to hold the seminary true to the fundamentals of the ~~faith~~ faith, and we had a board of trustees who wanted to have the seminary get in line with the great institutions of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. and in the line in which it was developing. And we had a clash between them. And the more recent tendency is to have a committee of the ~~trustees~~ trustees, or some such ~~way~~ way, which the matter is ~~clear~~ clear that the trustees are actually subservient to the elders.

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Now it ~~is~~ always been understood that the elders have the decision. The trustees are simply carrying out the material functions. But with two independent boards, there is a tremendous danger of a wrong situation developing. A tremendous danger. And it ~~is~~ is a problem in any ~~kind~~ kind of a work that you are in, it is a problem to think about, and ~~you~~ you can see a certain danger, if you are aware of these things. Well, do you have godly men in there. The danger, you will never think of it, it couldn't happen with these wonderful men. But those men won't be there forever. Now, ehen you you have good men there, and when it is everything is working smoothly, now is the time to see a certain oint of ~~danger~~ danger and get a change made. Instead