

emergencies arise, it will stand him in very good stead. And, it makes it easier for him in the church. He is going to offend people. Time and again when it is necessary that you make a decision, there is something that you have to decide that this group of that group is to have a use fo a room at a certain time, or to do a thing a certain way, or there is something developing among the young ~~mf~~ people that has got to be stopped because it~~x~~ is pointing in a dangerous diretion, and you come in there on your~~x~~~~own~~ own authority and you stop it, and you ~~g~~ can develop quite an amount of ill will, that can make a blighting influence to you and your ministry. But if you can do it in such a way that ~~it~~ it is known that the group of elders have discussed this matter thoroughly and this is their decision, then you ca n put it upon them, rather than taking it upon yourself. You are not simply passing the buck, but you are distributing the responsibility in such a way that you cut down that increment of ill will that can easily develop. ~~x~~~~and~~~~it~~~~x~~ And I think that is a point that is well worth thinking about.'

Now this matter. of course, the ~~direction~~ direction of the cativities of a particular congregation, ~~we~~ we could spend a whole year just on this. But this vital central matter of the principle involved, is one which is very important for you to get ahold of. And I think, perhaps, we had better move right on now to number 3.

Number 3, primary function s of ch. govt. to protect property rights of the congregation. To protect property rights of the congregation. That is a third primary function of ch. govt. And it is one reason why ch. govt. is absolutely necessary. We may, it is very easy in the enthusiam of serving the Lord, simply to say, we will go out and serve the Lord and forget any material matters like ch. govt. We will do what is in accordance with His will, present His Word, and we won't think about these things. But we live in a world in which there is property which has to be used. And if your congregation grows to too big to meet in a living room of a house, you have got ~~n~~ to have a place to meet. And questions, the question has to be definite, who owns this property. Who controls this property. ~~We~~