

Well, human beings do that in all fields. They do it in everything else, and it is not strange that they do it in religion. But, if we are going to stand by the teachings of God's Word, the basic thing is to get men who want to stand by it. And if you are principally made up with men who want to stand by them, then these men can try to keep their movement in that direction.

I have had people say to me, well, now, how can you cooperate with this man. Look at all he disagrees with you. And I say, why he is my brother in Christ, and we work together very very fine. And then they will say, here is his man, you don't want to work with him, he is much closer to you than the others. And I say, yes, here is a man, he believes in the basic principles of the Scripture, of the Word of God, just the way I do. There is, maybe, this much that he and I differ on. But we both believe that it is not the main thing, and we put our stress over there on the main thing. And we work together beautifully. Here is another man, and instead of there being this much he and I differ from, there is only this much. We are much closer in our views than the other, but this man feels that this little thing here is a big basic thing. And he never preaches but he brings it in somewhere. And he is always attacking those who disagree with him on this thing. Well, I can't work with him, I can't possibly. Because he is moving in a direction that differ from the direction that I am moving in, even though, in actual feeling, we are much closer together than another one who is much further away, much more divergent in view, but much nearer in his emphasis.

And so, you can't make a rule, but you have to use your intelligence and consider all the facts that enter in, and the problem is the basic problem in every way, is who are the men who are going to have leadership in the church. That is the basic problem.

Now, we had already moved on, last time, to discuss number 2, the direction of the activities of the particular congregation. A great problem with many aspects to it, but we stressed a few major ones last time. And I do hope that you have some of those well in mind as you go out. Because so many wonderful men make a wreck of their ministry on this point here. How to direct