

it is a question of just what should a church do. How far should it go.

Now, here, we have two very strong attitudes today, in the U.S., which have come to a very real clash. I ~~xxx~~ mention to you the little booklet by Mr. Sell, which is ~~xxx~~ well worth the reading of any of you. I forget the exact title of the booklet, but the subject is what he calls, "Storehouse Tithing". And he takes the verse from Malachi on bringing all the ~~xxx~~ tithes into the storehouse, and then I will pour out my blessing upon you. And he ~~xx~~ has many testimonials of fundamental churches which have been in very ~~d~~ sad straits financially, and having ~~xxxx~~ a tough struggle to get along, and have adopted the method, ~~x~~ in his book, and have found that they have had no difficulty financially, but have been able to extend help to others. And he tells how he introduced it into his church. And, of course, he gives a very ~~xx~~ sensible caution ~~xxxx~~ against trying to enforce any such thing, but it should be entirely a matter of ~~xx~~ voluntary persuasion, but he claims that it is the ~~Scriptural~~ Scriptural method. It is for the members of the church to give their gifts through the church. And for the governing quarter of the church to determine where these gifts should go. Well, now, if you carry this method to an extreme, you would have a system in ~~xxxx~~ which a big denomination would have its supreme officers deciding what was done with every ~~x~~ cent that was turned into it. Now that was the ~~xxxx~~ extreme, which Mr. S^Hell, of course, does not visualize at all. But that is the extreme of the method. ~~xxxx~~ Carried to that extreme, it would lead to an extreme.....(12), but an extreme of a system where you had a central dictatorship that could control.

Now, we have attempts by various groups to enforce the dictatorship upon churches, ~~xx~~ by the hold of money. We had many many instances. The Northern Baptist Convention, I understand, will often come to a church ~~xxxx~~ which has received a grant of a gift for the church from them for the church fifty years ~~xxxx~~ ago. A gift or a loan, they will insist that these churches are subject to a very large extent to their jurisdiction. On account of this money which has been given to it. Now, this money has been raised from people of various churches giving it, but it has come into this central agency, which has given it