

I ~~mentioned~~ mentioned before that when the Archbishop of Canterbury was greatly disgusted at the extreme radicalness of the Bishop of Birmingham, all he did was to rebuke him publicly. The Bishop of Birmingham answered him publicly. But he did not feel that there ~~was~~ was much he could do beyond that. And the Dean of Canterbury takes a communistic position and preaches that which is ~~not~~ abhorrent to all true Christians, and to probably most of the people of England, the Archbishop of Canterbury expresses publicly his dislike of what the Dean says, but there is no sort of discipline.

So, you really go from one extreme to the other, in this attempt to enforce the complete control ~~from~~ from the top. The Roman Catholic church has learned, and it is one of the great strengths of the Roman Catholic Church, that ~~it~~ it does not try to control and direct the activities of the small units from the top. Instead, there is a general oversight, and there is a great deal of freedom given to ~~different~~ different orders and organizations within the Roman Catholic Church to work out their own way of advancing the ~~general~~ general cause. But the idea of directing and telling what is to be done by the various congregations, that is on matters which are not great essential matters, is something which has not been successful at all, and which I do not believe the Scriptures command anyone to do.

F, the ecumenicity versus independence. E, was primary functions of ch. govt. F ~~is~~ is the ecumenicity versus independence. And we have noticed that there are two ~~extremes~~ extremes on most of these matters of ch. govt. We have noticed that as far as the N.T. is concerned, it is pretty difficult to find in the N.T. any warrant for a minister with a great authority in a church. There is ~~not~~ any clear warrant ~~for~~ for a minister with a great authority in a church. There is very little warrant, if any, in the N.T. for such an organization. And yet, it is the general organization of practically all of the churches. ^There is one man, the minister, in the church, who is rarely to have more than one who is equal in the church. And practically all churches have that sort of organization ~~in~~. But the one thing in the N.T. that is clear is that the governing bodies of the various congregations are a body