

much in it that speaks of the Body of Christ, of the whole body knit together to Him^v Who is the head, of all of us in this unified body, there should be in the true Christian a striving for a unity with other true Christians. And the true Christian should never be satisfied to have a little group of five or ten, or five hundred or five thousand people with which he is most intimate. And which seem to him so important, that he is not constantly seeking to enlarge his fellowship with true Christians.

The ecumenical ~~side~~ side we are now stressing, I do not believe, of course, that it is God's will for us to have one big organization. There are people who speak about the ~~great~~ terrible scandal of our denominations. I think they are wrong. I think that ^{between} having five hundred little tiny denominations and one ~~great~~ great big denomination with a ~~unity~~ unity, I think the five hundred is better, but I don't think either is pleasing to the Lord. I think it is the Lord's will to have us strong in unity, not to force an ecumenical organization, which will stifle individuality. And that leads on to ^{point} number 2.

One who is a true Christian must never forget his ~~privilege and responsibility~~ privilege and responsibility as a member of the universal church, the true body of Christ, number two is, he must also remember his ~~direct~~ direct responsibility to Christ. He must always remember his direct responsibility to Christ. And he must allow others the privilege which is theirs for having the similar relationship. You see, he must also remember the direct responsibility to Christ and must allow others the privilege which is theirs from the fact that they have a similar relationship to Christ. ^{That} that is to say, as ~~Christ~~ Peter called ^{upon} upon the apostles to be undershepherds, nourishing the flock, but not lording it over the flock. When you get too large an organization, there is a human tendency to lord it over the flock. A human tendency which is ~~in~~ in the heart of every one of us. Power begets the desire for power. Remember that. And ~~whether~~ whether it be the power of the individual or the power of the ~~mass~~ mass, stifling power of the mass ~~stifles~~ stifles out individuality. The Lord ~~wants~~ wants us to remember our direct responsibility to Christ, and when an