

of organization that fits our particular situation, applying the principles we have in it, rather than say "a-b-c" - here is exactly the specific

(6.) But we have an example here of Paul's sending Timothy and Titus with tremendous authority over the churches - for them to say that it is wrong for anybody to claim authority over the church is unscriptural. To say that we must go slow about it and beware of the great dangers that come from unworthy men having authority, and see just where we're going to make our line - it's a matter for our sense and for our careful judgment - but to lay down a principle that nobody outside a local church can have any authority over it (under it?) would be definitely contrary to. (Student question)

No, I don't see that it makes any difference whether you have one or six or fifty. I think one man couldn't go everywhere. That's why he had to have two men help him. The fact that he sent more than one means that there was more work than one man could do but I don't see what it had to do with whether the churches were independent. Of course it certainly is true that Paul didn't go in there and say, "Now you don't make a move there except as I tell you." The individuals had a responsibility before the Lord to step forward and serve the Lord. There was the autonomy of the Christian religion - no question about that. But I'm just saying there's no point between the individual and the whole Church of Christ at which we can say, "Up to this point there's authority and beyond it there is not." We have to decide it by the situation. (Student question) I don't see how it relates to it one way or the other. (Student question) I would think it entirely possible that he might have said, "This is an authority to be used for a temporary period while the church is getting established but it should be understood that it's not an example . . ." But he didn't say anything. (Student question) We have no indication of whether there was. But to say that it might be wrong . . . (10.) would require some evidence. (Student question) That's right, but it would require less evidence than to say that it wouldn't be.

(Student question) Well, I mean, I don't care what it sounds like. The fact is that here is an authority which was recognized and we have no Scriptural evidence of any statement that there'd never be any authority . . . That's all I'm saying. What I mean is the fact that the local churches that Paul established were expected