

tend to seek the unity that gives efficiency and then when we find that sin comes in and evil comes, then we tend to try to get away from that by getting a (2.) into tiny groups with no inter-responsibility. And the Scripture clearly teaches that as members of the invisible Church of Christ we are together by bands with every joint and supply of nourishment coming from Him. We are one body and we have a responsibility toward the other members of that body and we have a responsibility to show our membership in Christ's true church by the establishment of local churches and by working out the details of it in such a way as will most efficiently accomplish His will. But as to where the line comes at which we will say, "We think it best that our particular group be this size and no-one has any right to lord it over us. Nobody has the right to lord it over me but if I belong to a church and I follow it, the minister has a right to come to me and talk to me and point out my sin and my evil and if necessary to drop me from the church." And I'm saying that a group of people has a right to form a group composed of 20 or 100 or a million or a hundred million, whatever they think will most effectively promote the work of the Lord. But they need to be constantly rethinking the thing to see if that which we thought yesterday was good, maybe needs revision in the light of newer experience. And to these details on which the Scripture does not lay down. Well, we continue there first thing -

D - Timothy and Titus as well as Paul, exercised considerable authority over the local churches. Oh, was it "D" or "E"? Oh yes, I was Paul, II was Timothy and III was Titus. We've finished that, have we? And then we were ready for E and E is that - oh, I see. This is - the fact that they did exercise authority over the local churches then I think is something we can't deny. Now whether it is good to do or not is a thing that can rest with circumstances. I must tell you of an experience I had when I was in high school. I was in a Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles and we had a minister who had done good work but he had now outlived his usefulness to the church - a fine Christian man, but the time had come when it would have been very, very nice for him to have gone. And nobody liked to say it to him. And I don't know whether he'd have gotten angry if