

I think that there are some men who have a very special gift and I think that it is the Lord's will that those ones should be used for the blessing of the Lord. (Student question) If he's trying to do the whole job by himself, he won't do it. And if the people think they've hired a pastor - he can study the Word of God for us, he's to pray for us, he's to live the Christian life for us - well, they ought to expect him to go to Heaven for them too - if they're going to take that attitude. He's not trained to do their religious work for them at all. He's trained to be their leader, their teacher, to be the under-shepherd to Christ. And wrong interpretations come in as they do at every point. But it is very vital that the true word (9.5)

(Student question) No, I would say this - that we cannot lay down a stereotyped system, we can't lay down an absolutely rigid system because people differ greatly for one thing. And for another thing because we are in an imperfect world in which you cannot realize the ideal anyway. The ideal would be for everyone to actively engage in teaching but for one to have a special responsibility as the pastor for the pastor work with others helping if called on in pastoral work also. And then in teaching, for the one to be able naturally, to give a great deal more time and thought and study to it than the others and help lead them in the right direction. But the teaching function should be performed and every elder a man - every elder who says, "Well I'm a ruling elder. I'm just rule. I don't do any teaching," I don't think he can rule properly. I think he has to be in the teaching. But when I speak of the teaching elders I mean the elder who is giving full time. And if the others sit back - - - when we were in Wilmington, the seminary was in Wilmington. A lot of people thought it was a terrible thing for us to leave Wilmington, that we meant so much to the church there. But I felt that it was a good thing for the church that we came here. The church there was blessed by having the seminary there. But wonderful Christian people got to leaning on the seminary. Why should they stand up and try to present a message when there were so many at the seminary there who could do it? And ~~XXXX~~ wonderful Christian people who needed the experience and the practice were not getting what they should have. And I think the church received a real blessing from having the seminary with them for many years but I think that perhaps that was too long