

which would show errors, into which we can go. It will happen. But I doubt if anyone would be very long with any group without a full time pastor, without having . One might not personally have contact with

(Student question) I think with any Christian

But what I mean is there are particular difficulties which a man who has his full time available, can deal with . There are certain things which can be dealt with that way. Now of course the one man can't possibly reach all around and if he's going to be effective, he's going to be training others to take part and to help, to be ready to step in. But there has to be a responsibility. There has to be a man who has the responsibility to lead others in it and who is able and equipped to take the most difficult situations that others couldn't. (Student question) Well, of course, the way it arose in the New Testament time was that the Apostles selected them. Paul picked Timothy and picked Titus - he picked the leaders in the local churches and then he appointed them. That was the way it arose then. But naturally it doesn't always arise that way - but whoever does the picking, his duty is not to pick arbitrarily but according to the gift that the Lord has given. He can't give anybody a gift but he should seek to recognize it. And it is remarkable how often he will find that a person who stands back and seems to be ~~not~~^{most} ineffective, given a little authority is able to step out and use the authority and accomplish a good deal. Of course with some other people, a little authority goes to their heads, ruins them. And that's why you need group control to watch. I mentioned last time about the great strength there is in the Methodist organization - when you have a bishop who's a really godly man. It's a tremendous strength. There's a great danger in it when you get a bishop who isn't a godly man. I think that for safety's sake, I think our Presbyterian system, where the people call is a better system over the long reign. In a short reign, the Methodist system will often seem to have better results. But one place where I think our Presbyterian system often has a very great weakness is that when the minister deteriorates in some way, maybe falls into sin, maybe just gets lazy, maybe the situation changes and he's just not the man for it - it's nothing against him but he's just not the man any longer for that particular place - we do not have a good system