

but it is a vital thing that every Christian needs to think about. No Christian can live without giving some thought to the matter. Where should the lines be made, and just how important is the line? Well, I think one danger we must guard against is the danger of feeling that we have to have a perfect church, that we cannot work in a group of people, unless they are free from sin. I used to love to hear Dr. R. A. Torrey in his evangelistic meetings talk with the converts. That's one thing Dr. Torrey believed in. When people came forward and received the Lord, he didn't believe in casting them out to do what they thought would be good. He looked on them as little babes, born into the kingdom, ~~needing~~ needing instruction, needing help, needing advice, and he used to give them very very excellent advice, and I used to love to hear him give it to them, but one thing I used to notice he always said, he said, Look for a church that preaches the gospel, look for a church where Christ is magnified, look for a church that stands for the truth of the Word, but he said, Don't look for a perfect church. He said, if you found a perfect ~~chur~~ church, and you joined it, it wouldn't be a perfect church anymore. I always thought that was a very excellent approach. We are all of us sinners, and all of us have in us that which is utterly displeasing to God, and we all of us do that which to the other people was a hundred times worse, than perhaps the things that they do look to us. We can't look for a perfect church. The line cannot be there. And you know, that is one of the great weaknesses I have found in our separation movement. I have found that people will say in a big old denomination that their ancestors were in, and they stay and stay and stay ~~until they~~ though they are fine Christians, when the teaching becomes corrupt and abominable, and denies the word of God, and denies the truth of the Scripture, they will stay and they will stay, and it would take an atomic bomb to dislodge them, and finally they step out, and the minute they step out, then everything has got to be absolutely perfect. They have given up their ties with unbelief and wickedness. Now we have to have absolute righteousness. And