

and the apostles, with the whole church/ to do so and so. Well, it pleased them. How did it please them. Because James ~~xxxxxxx~~ said it, because they were pleased with the logic of James' quotation from the O.T., because they had a ~~xxx~~ vote and proved that it pleased them by voting in favor of it. Because they felt that it was so much the mind of the meeting that nobody spoke up against it. We do not know, but at least it is something which can be used in favor of the ~~a~~ majority deciding, rather than against/ ~~xxx~~ it. It leans more in that direction than in the other direction.

Number 3, should all officers be chosen by the rank and file ~~f~~ of the ~~xxx~~ people. Now this is the same, except ~~xxx~~ that it is dealing not with issues but with officers. Should all officers be chosen by the rank and file of the ~~xxxxx~~ people. Well, Peter ~~xxx~~ said ~~xxxxx~~ choose men. We do have Paul appointing men, as Timothy and Titus appointing men. I don't think that you can show from the N.T. that all officers should necessarily be chosen, and yet I think that you can ~~xxx~~ bring considerable ~~xxxxxxx~~ evidence ~~in~~ to the direction of it being a ~~xxx~~ normal thing for them to be chosen. '

Number 4, should officials be appointed by officers who receive their authority directly from Christ. Now this is apostolic succession. This is held by, of the professing ~~xxxxxxx~~ Christian church, by the overwhelming majority today, by those who use the name of Christ, hold to it. Should officials be appointed by officers who ~~xxxxxx~~ receive their authority directly from Christ. That is, Paul appointed bishops and deacons, he told Timothy and Titus to appoint elders, is that the system to be used today. Well, now, how do we get the authority. Nobody says today, Christ has appointed ~~xxx~~ me the head of this church. Not many of our major denominations. How do we say it, then. They say, I have been appointed by a man who has been appointed by someone who was appointed by Christ. At least they say I have been installed by someone, however elected, by someone who was installed by someone who installed/ by ~~xxxxxx~~ Christ. That is apostolic succession. A good argument can be made for apostolic succession, a very good argument can be made for it, because the N.T. shows that there was a power in the apostles which was a very vital power.