

two things. You have to think of the ability to hold a thing true. And you have to think of the ability of accomplishing. I have often said that the best form of church government would be the Episcopal form if you had the right men for bishops. But the problem is of getting the wrong men.

I know very little about the Episcopal church. Actually the Episcopal church from what I know of it has swung from being tightly controlled to being one of the most loosely controlled. It is very very loosely controlled. The Bishop has very little authority over the men under him. It has all the form of being tightly controlled while actually having none of the -- practically none of the reality. But the real place where you see the Episcopal form of government is in the Methodist church. It used to be called the Methodist Episcopal church. They used to say that a Bishop with one minister would out vote the whole group (what do you call it) it might be a group of 100 or 200 people. The whole conference. And a minister with one member could out vote the whole congregation. Whether that's true or not, I don't know. But I do know that coming to the U.S. with the people scattered here and there, they got two wonderful men Coke and Asbury who came over here. Wesley intended them simply to be superintendents. He was quite disgusted that they took the name of bishop. They picked out good men and assigned them areas to work. And these men worked. I knew of a case in California where a church had a minister who was just not getting along well. He was a fine man but he just was not getting along well. In fact there were three churches, but they just were not getting along well. If those churches had been Presbyterian churches or if they had been independent churches, the probability is that those men would have --- the church would have gone down and down and down as people drifted away. Or else somebody would have made a big