

At Bob Jones University I met a graduate from there who was pastor of a church in Durango(?), Col. He said, that a minority of the church there had strongly attacked him, and it had come to a very sharp division. He said he took the majority and left the church and went out and built a new church. I asked him, You had the majority, why didn't you keep the building and let them go and build a church? He said, the bitterness and the attitude they were taking, we did not want to get _____ so we let them have the property. But it is ~~sax~~ sad that Satan succeeds in getting Christian people to have great feeling over minor issues.

I remember when Dr. Harold S. Laird met with a Baptist minister in Wilmington. They were forming an organization for to take a stand on Scripture. I wasn't there but Dr. Eppard was at the meeting. He told me Dr. Laird kept quoting "contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints" and this other minister kept quoting "the servant of the Lord must not strive but be patient". The fact is that when it comes to the great issues of the faith we should stand solidly and repudiate compromise with unbelief. But when you extend that to minor things, that's what Satan wants to have us do.

I've sometimes given the figure of a tug of rope, and we are pulling this way; Satan is pulling that way. You pull as hard as you can. Satan sees he can't pull us across, so he just lets go and we tumble back! I've known so many people who have stayed in a church were unbelief has come in, modernism has come in. They will stay and stay and stay until things get worse and worse and worse. They put up with everything. Finally they reach the point where they step out and form a church which is to stand for the Gospel and the Word of God, and once they do that they go to the opposite: You've got to agree with me right down the line and have everything exactly right. We just