

So the ideal is properly administered.

So much, I think, for our present discussion. But this phase of the answer is good to think about. Not/ abolition of govt., but conginging of govt. to its proper ~~functions~~ functions. You will find that when govt. starts doing a lot of things it shouldn't do, and makes a mess of it, people will get disgusted and say that they don't want any govt. Let everybody be free. But you can't have freedom to that extent. And it applies to the church in the same way. When it tries to do what is not its function, it is apt to make a mess of it. But there is this function which has to be performed. Jesus said, give Caesar that which is Caesar's and give to God~~xxx~~ that which is God's. And He didn't mean the fact that there happened to be a picture of Caesar. He meant there is a function here which the church should not try to perform. It is the function which a govt. ~~xxx~~ properly performs. Let the govt. perform its proper function, but don't give to the govt. functions that are not the govt's proper functions.

Well, let's look at d. I thought, with all this stress on free enterprise, c, here, it would be very easy to jump to the conclusion that we are all individuals, subject ~~to the Lord~~ to the Lord, our service to Him, if it is worth anything we are so interested in Christ and in His will for us that it is much more important than what any human being has to say to us. And that being the circumstance, it would be easy to draw the conclusion in our discussion, under c here, that you don't need any govt. Well, of course, that is what I am discussing here under 3. Not the abolition of govt. But I wanted to give it a ~~xxx~~ separate head here, why is govt. needed by the ~~church~~ ^{visible} church. Why have govt. at all? Well, I mentioned in an organization like the Plymouth ~~Brethren~~ Brethren, which supposedly has no govt., the fact is that actually they have a good deal of it, but it is behind the scenes. But it is nonetheless effective and strong. There are Brthren groups which probably have none and don't get anywhere by ~~doing~~ doing/ it. But the groups that are active, very soon develop some ~~a~~ kind of behind-the-scenes govt. I know of a man who is very active in Christian work, and maybe it is just as well not to