

any denomination in this country has gone down. It is not because it has ~~km~~ made a mistake in the particular plan of system, or because the people have been persuaded to vote through an amendment ~~z~~ to the constitution. Or because of something that has been done. There is ~~ixx~~ one thing that ~~ix~~ has caused it, and that is to permit people who did not believe to get in their teaching and preaching functions. That is the reason. You can make any sort of standard you want, and if you don't have people who want to enforce those standards, there is absolutely no way to enforce them. And so the maintenance of the principles in the selection of the preacher is a vital thing. ~~ixxxx~~
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(question) The consideration of how we are going to do this is vital. I am not discusssing yet how you do it, I am just saying what is the most important thing we have to do. And that is to determine who is going to be the one to preach. If any congregathon anywhere, under any system, has a very very godly able intelligent man to preach to them, that church is going to grow. ^And if any church anywhere ~~gex~~ gets an able man who is an ~~unbeliever~~ unbeliever, that church is going to go back. The question is the selection of the man. And that is the most important function ~~f~~ of ch. govt. There are other function.s I ~~ixxxx~~ don't mean to say that this is the only function, by any means, but I don't think there is any ~~gxxxxix~~ function that can be considered any where ~~xx~~ as importat as this one.

You can lay donw a set of principles. I always insist this in the presbytery, when it comes to ordaining a man. ~~Thxxxxixkixngxixxyxx~~
 You can't make a set of standards and say, here it is, now everybody can look and see ~~z~~ if this man fits in or not. You can't do that. For you never find any two men who are hundred percetn ~~ixixkxx~~ alike. You can't do it, it is impossible. And I know people who agree with me on seventy percent of matters that I ~~ixixxx~~ am much closer to than some others that agree with me on 95% of the matters. Because there are people who agree with me on 70% of matters, and the 30% they think are most vital I think are most vital, and we can stand shoulder to shoulder and fight for them. And these other things we don't think