

I was == read an article in Fortune Magazine 10 or 15 years ago written by a businessman and he told about an Episcopal church in NY -- a big, well to do Episcopal church. And these men wanted to stand by the Bible. They knew what they wanted and who they wanted and an Episcopal representative came in to them and he said, You are Episcopalians, you must take what we think is right. And O he talked to them. And these men presidents of big corporations, important people like that just bowed down and took what he said! That can happen. Somebody in a congregation in an independent church is apt to have that sort of an influence. He stands up and says, We've x got to do this.

We had a graduate who was with my son his first summer in Bedford as his assistant. When my son had been there/nearly two years, there was a nice independent church in the area that was vacant. This fellow went up and candidated at the church. They asked him various questions and somebody asked him, What do you think of having church dinners? He said, I don't think you should have church dinners for raising money, I think money should be given voluntarily, but he said, If people want to get together and have a dinner for talking over the things of the Lord, and having social fellowship why I wouldn't see any harm in that. They asked him different things. One man who was in the church and had a brother in my son's church, he was so confident that these people were overwhelmingly going to call this xx man as pastor, that he didn't even go to the meeting to vote on him. At the meeting they required 75% vote (or something like that) and there was maybe 1/3 of the people there who followed the previous pastor who was absolutely untrained, a fine fellow who really believed the gospel, but absolutely untrained, but he had thought that to eat anything in the House of God x was terrible. You should not have food