

But you knew there when they said 10 they meant 10:20 and everybody was there at 10:20. When I held some meetings in Argentina, the meetings were supposed to start at 7:30 at night and it came to be 8:00 o'clock and there were only a few people there. And I said, We had better start. We are supposed to start ~~to~~ at 7:30. And they said, O no, let ~~us~~ us wait a little, there will be more people here. And I found that in Argentina you always knew when a meeting would start. Take the time announced and add 45 ~~minutes~~ minutes, and right then ^{it's going to start.} ~~is when it started.~~ I think there the meeting was supposed to start at 8:00/^{there} and it was a quarter of 9 when they finally started, and I don't like to be out late at night, so I said to them, Can't you start earlier? Why do you have to wait till 8:45 to start? Oh, no, they said, Everybody understands. You say 8:00; we start at a quarter of 8:00. Well, finally, I said, Why not announce it for 7:30? Oh, sure we can do that. (Laughter). So they announced it for 7:30 and after that we started at a quarter after 8:00 (Laughter), regularly. It doesn't matter ~~of~~ ^{the} what your system is so long as people know what ~~your~~ system is. But in the U.S. our system is that when we say 9:00 we mean 9:00; and if we mean 9:05 we say 9:05. Personally I like the idea of meaning what you say (Laughter) instead of having it understood you mean something different when you use those words. But if you start at a certain time and a certain number of people are late, they are wasting the time of the others, unless it is understood and all come at that time.

Organization can be a rather complicated thing. I think the Scripture teaches us that no organization~~is~~ is sacrosanct. No system of organization is inspired of God and necessary to hold. But organization is a very useful tool which we are foolish to neglect. If we carry it to extreme we waste~~time~~ time. Unnecessary organization is foolish. But organization that will help in accomplishing purposes is something God wants us to use and so He caused Moses to write 27 verses here telling how he got this advice from Jethro and how he carried out the advice.