

He does not go into details of it because He wants us to be free to adapt details to changing circumstances. But He wants us to ^{learn to} take everything in the world and use it for His glory. The -- God has given the Christian two duties: The duty is to win others to the Lord, to preach the Gospel, to spread the Word. And the duty is to grow in grace and to help others to grow in grace. Those are our duties in ^{this} the world. Now God has given us the right to use all the good things of the world ^{for} to His glory. He has given us the right to use them. He desires us to use them, but our duty is ~~is~~ confined to the doing of those works which He specifically commands in the Scripture for the advancement of His work and the preparation of the time when ^{that is} everything/evil will be taken out of the world.

And so in regard to many matters our attitude should be like that toward organization.--A matter of using what is good but being ready to change ~~it~~ ~~it~~ it in an efficient manner but not to change it hastily, or not to change it at times when a change will do more harm than continuing with something that has been established.

Now we have touched on a number of varied lessons in connection with these two matters but they are very vital ^{to think} in Christian work and Christian activity provided that in all of them we keep Christ first and put the advancing of His gospel -- we keep in its primary position. Let us pray --

Our Father we thank you for these two accounts in Exodus here. These experiences in the life of Israel ^{before} ~~before~~ the events described in Numbers. And we see how they correspond with events in the life of Christian leaders, Christian ^{workers} ~~workers~~, all Christian believers. Help us, we pray, to realize that evil is a force in the world and we must fight it, but ~~o~~ our God help us to realize that it is only in the strength of the Lord that we can fight it effectively. Help us to keep our eyes on our Saviour. Help us to uphold the hands of those who are actively accomplishing for the Lord and help us to do the works that you have called us each one to ~~do~~ do. We ask in Jesus Name. Amen.