

God does not call upon Christians to form a great organization. Every Christian has immediate access to God, but God does call us to work effectively and to work out the type of organization that be effective. We join together in a particular group in order to serve Him effectively. When the effectiveness is lost of a particular group, we ~~w~~ should join with another group, and each group should work out its methods. to be effective.

It is highly useful for individuals groups to work together so that there can be an oversight not to direct their work, but to watch to keep out the coming in of unbelief, because in all human organizations Satan is anxious to bring in unbelief. I have seen many many in ~~x~~ my lifetime, great witnesses for Christ that have become utterly ungodly. It is helpful when those who are trained, and ~~whent~~ those whose loyalty to Christ is sure can stand ~~x~~ together not trying to tell each other what to do but watching for the incoming of Satan which can cause trouble and ~~d~~estruction and difficulty.

I don't find anywhere in Scripture the word the autonomy of the local church. I don't find it anywhere. The church is all believers. It is an invisible body, made up of all who believe in Christ. God wants us to join together with others in organizations ~~xxxx~~ and to pray God's blessings upon these organizations. But these organizations are human organizations. They are human organizations which may err and may easily come into what is wrong.

Some people being in large denominations which Satan has gotten control of and unbelief has come in have reacted violently against (organization). I talked to a man once in that situation. He said, We should keep in a small mission and work directly in doing what the Lord wants us to do and we should not be connected with any large ~~g~~group of Christians. I said to him, An organization is like a hoe. A farmer can go out with a hoe and he can cut weeds, till ground and do necessary work to make plants grow. Another man can take that hoe and use it to hit someone over the head and kill him. But the fact he can use the hoe to kill someone is no reason to abandon it, but use it rightly.

We ~~xxxx~~ must use organizations rightly. As long as Satan has not gotten into them, we can use them for the Lord's purposes, but ~~abandon~~ them when Satan gets hold of them and get new ones that will accomplish God's purpose.

We have autonomy before the Lord. Each of us has direct access to God, but we must never forget the unity of all true believers. I heard a man once say, You can go out on the street and you can curse God, you can curse Christ. You can say the most terrible things about the central things of our Christian religion, and nobody is going to interfere with you. But you go out and start cursing the presbyterian church, or the Methodist church, or Episcopal church and somebody is going to hit you over the head! pretty quick. That shows a great weakness in all of us.