

AAM: I don't remember.

Student: "76?"

AAM: We started in '71, and this must have been about-- Oh we got the right to give degrees the next year, I think it was '72 or '73 we got the right. Then it was a year after that before we decided and then it took us 2 yrs to make the change in our constitution. . . . about '77. Yes.

Student: I have a question. What can we learn from this for future ministers? As a result of all this? . . . What can we learn from your experience in working with other men?

AAM: I would say, one of the most important things to remember is all people are human and all got their faults. Don't look for perfect people to work with because you won't find them. But be very careful who you work with, but you've got to work with somebody so ~~bx~~ pick the best you can. But keep your eyes open for their qualities. The person who is 90% the way you'd want them to be may have some glaring fault you don't find out immediately, that could make cooperation impossible later on.

When you do, don't be as slow as I was in most cases in recognizing it. I saw this, I saw the evidences but I pushed them in the back of my mind yr. after yr, and then it reached a point where you could not any longer. That's what I would ~~bx~~ say. Don't be too finicky about who you are going to work with, but be careful. A little flaw that's tremendously emphasized may be a lot worse than a bigger flaw that isn't so much emphasized.

Student: I don't know what you covered so far, ~~but~~ for I had a class during this period but I do have a question . . . (Todd Mangun, my name)

AAM: (remarks on not recognizing faces and needing to be told the name several times)

Student: I don't know if you covered this already or not. I really enjoyed your letter on the bulletin board . . . As a teacher of ministers, or pastors you . . . were a friend of the late F. Schaeffer. How would you compare your view of Christians or especially Christian organizations even a school for example, how would you compare your view of those organizations becoming involved in politics with Dr. Schaeffer's view for example?

AAM: Dr. Schaeffer wrote a book, The Church Before the Watching World, which I thought was very very excellent. He said we have to break fellowship with organizations that are affected by modernism or helping them. We have to break fellowship with them. But then he said, we must not make the mistake of breaking fellowship with every individual in those organizations. We must recognize that some people see things a lot sooner than others do. Probably no two of us exactly agree on everything. We should show true Christian love to to all Christians, even to those with whom we have vital differences. I think those were very fine emphases.

Now there may be some more recent book of his I haven't read perhaps that you have in mind.

Student: Christian Manifesto is probably the one I was referring to. Where he speaks of civil disobedience, for example.

AAM: I think he's a little ahead of time. I think it might be possible that in another 10 yrs, maybe 5 we'd reach that point where we had to do that, but I think at present that is not at all necessary.