

~~men~~ on them, and trying to get rid of these elders because they are wicked men, on account of things that you found out that you found out, or could find out before you went there. You can perhaps educate them in it. You probably will. But Mr. Fullerton's figure that he gave in chapel yesterday, I thought had a great deal of value to it, about the flower that shows forth its fragrance in the midst of tares. Now, of course, that's not the church. That's the world. But we are in the world. And the Lord has put us in the world, not to go out and knock over the ~~the~~ tares, but he's put us here, to present the fragrance of Christ in such a way that alot of what seemed to us to be tares, would prove to be those whom He has chosen for salvation, and will come to the knowledge of the Lord. And when you get into the church, you should try to eliminate those who are not Christians, not of the church. And you shouldn't go into the church that has got men in leadership who are denying the Word of God, blatantly denying the Word of God. But, if you set up a standard of perfection, and you decided that everybody who doesn't come up to your standard of perfection is a tare, then of course, they are all tares around you. And of course, you are too, tho you may not realize it. But what I mean is, that in the Christian group/ there are those who are not true. If the apostate gets contral, then you have got to ~~with~~ either throw them out or get out. But if you have people in the group whose life impresses you as not being what it should be, don't be surprised, because we are all very far short. They all will appear to you as tares, and in general I would say, that you give the fragrance of the gospel and win them, and occasionally you will find it necessary to drive someone out, someone who takes a blatant attitude, but the best thing is to keep them from getting in. ~~Well~~

Well, now, with your elders, there are very few men who don't decide pretty soon that one of their elders, one of their deacons is a pretty wicked man. And of course, it may be. It maybe necessary to get rid of them. But when they deicide they are all pretty wicked, usually these fellows themselves are simply taking an attitude of personal insistance on my way in everything, and it is not effective. Do many of you remember Mr. Smick speaking here last year? He told how there was a man in his church who told him he'd voted against him. He didn't