

canding. They have more spiritual life. They can give you better sermons. Oh, but their sermons couldn't touch this fellow's. Well, this fellow had one sermon that was good, he'd worked and worked and worked at it. ~~And~~ He may have had more than that. He may have had 4 or 5. I don't know. Anyway, they wouldn't listen to him. That was the man they wanted. They called him. He went there. Three months later he saw some of them and he said, Well, how do you like you new preacher? Oh, gettin' on, gettin' on. And he gave ~~them~~ his five good sermons and after that... He was a good fellow, and a well-meaning fellow. He's working in a chemical plant today. But he just, the people are apt to make their decisions on very superficial things. Well, now, I think you'd ~~be~~ wise to work up two or three sermons ~~so~~ so they are really good, because there's no reason why you shouldn't put your best foot forward to a congregation. But try to make the others as good as you can. Try to develop not merely a couple of good sermons but a real ability. But what I mean is, the people should have the say in our system. But they don't have the only say. ~~We~~ The doctrinal soundness of a man, the fitness of his preparation, various questions like that, we want to have a group of representatives of the churches, including men trained and ~~educated~~ educated, who will have the responsibility for ordaining a man, and for deciding whether he is one whom the Lord has really called for His ministry. And then from among the ones that we think are in that category, we don't pass and put anybody in the church. They select the man. But in our system, we want them to select the man who has been adjudged to have the education and the spiritual life by a group of men who themselves are leaders. And so that's our presbyterial system. That's the one great thing of the Presbyterian system, is the oversight over the selection of men. And the other thing about it is, is the fact that when a church gets into difficulty, there are many cases where a situation is too hard for the local group to handle, for the elders and for the ~~minister~~ minister, there is just the situation, there is some kind of an impasse which may lead to a real serious situation, and which they can appeal to the presbytery. Now some people have the idea, well, here's the law.