Heart To Heart

PROVERBS 29:18a Where there is no vision, the people perish:

THE SUPERNATURAL [56-0129]

And I thought being that we were together this morning, just as a little group of Christians here, that we would talk just heart to heart with one another awhile.

WHAT IS A VISION? [56-0408A] Today is--is... We've taken it for the heart to heart talk, I believe today. Just instead of preaching, was just to talk and maybe explain some of the things that may seem so mysterious to you in the meetings.

GENESIS 38:24-26a

- 24. And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar thy daughter in law hath played the harlot; and also, behold, she is with child by whoredom. And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt.
- 25. When she was brought forth, she sent to her father in law, saying, By the man, whose these are, am I with child: and she said, Discern, I pray thee, whose are these, the signet, and bracelets, and staff. 26a. And Judah acknowledged them, and said, She hath been more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to Shelah my son.

II SAMUEL 12:5-7

- 5. And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die:
- 6. And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.
- 7. And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul;

MATTHEW 7:1-5

- 1. Judge not, that ye be not judged.
- 2. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. 3. And why beholdest thou the [mote] that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? 4. Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye?
- 5. Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

GREEK LEXICON - STRONG'S NUMBER 2595 karphos {kar'-fos} 1) a dry stalk or twig,

ROMANS 2:1

1. Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

THE WORD BECAME FLESH [54-1003M] I want to ask the church one more thing before we get some place to study in the Scriptures: that is, that you'll pray for me. I've developed **a critical spirit**, and it haunts at me.

JUBILEE YEAR [54-1003E]

Now, I don't criticize people out to their face, but in my heart I do.

CHURCH ORDER [58-1007]

And now to the pastor, to our Brother Neville, at this time. Remember, he is the full head of the church. Brother Neville has the right to exercise any authority that the Holy Spirit would, anything the Holy Spirit would tell him to say, in other words. In the church, he has the right to anything that God would lead him to do.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS [54-0516] We believe in church government. And the government is ordered of the Holy Spirit in the Bible. The pastor is always the head of the church, the pastor is always. That's God's elder. In organizations, you have to come through the bishop. Now, the Bible... there's no higher order in the Bible than the elder of the church. Just tell me where it's at. There's no higher order in the Bible for the church than the elder, which is the pastor. He's the highest order of the Bible.

HEBREWS 5&6 PT1 [57-0908M]

...I believe in the supreme authority of the local assembly. Yes. Let each church be its own, choose its pastors, its deacons, its, whatever it is. And then, that way, the man in there has no bishop over him. The Holy Spirit wants to speak something to that church, they don't have to ask anybody about whether they could do this or do that. It's the individual in contact with the Holy Spirit. Show me by the Bible what's greater, in the Bible, than a local elder to a local church? That's right, yes, sir, the sovereignty of the local church, each church in itself. Now, brotherhood, that's wonderful. All churches ought to be in a brotherhood like that, together. But the sovereignty of local church!

THE GODHEAD EXPLAINED [61-0425B]

...I believe it's apostolic, because the head, the highest order in the church is the shepherd; we realize that: the pastor. And--and if the--the... If some bishop or somebody else is going to knock the revelation out of the pastor, then how is a God going to ever work in His church? You see? You just can't get it.

HEBREWS 7 PT2 [57-0922E]

That's the order of the Bible. That's the sovereignty of the local church. The pastor is the head.

TITUS 1:5

5. For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and <u>ordain elders in every city</u>, as I had appointed thee:

ACTS 14:23

23. And when they had <u>ordained them elders in every church</u>, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

CHURCH ORDER [63-1226] It's the pastor's business to preach...

JEREMIAH 3:15

15. And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

PROVERBS 18:16a A man's gift maketh room for him,

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS [61-0112]

Your position is--in Christ is revealed to you by the Holy Spirit. And then if you want to know whether it's the Holy Spirit or not, find out whether He blesses what you're doing, or not. And if He blesses it, then that's Him.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS [61-0112]

Then, usually, way I watch it for myself, just... This is me. I watch the nature of the person and see what kind of a gift that they're professing. See, God will work with His creature the way He's made him. See? He'll make a creature...

If you see him real flighty and going on, you--and he says, "The Lord called me for such and such a--to be a pastor." Now, a pastor can't be a flighty person. A pastor's solid, sound. See?

"God called me to be a teacher." And watch him how he interprets the Word. See? He gets It all mixed up and everything, then you can tell. See?

But then, the thing to do, your position is usually known whether you can do it or not.

PSALM 127:1a

1a. Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: