

1 for advice, does the elder then tell the member this is what
2 you should do?

3 A No. We normally tell them to pray. If we feel
4 they are doing something that is dangerous or something that
5 is unhealthful, we may suggest them to consider some
6 alternatives. But generally the advice, counsel, of the
7 elders is very nondirective.

8 Q Is there any practice in the local church that
9 forbids members from watching television?

10 A No, there is not.

11 Q How about yourself?

12 A I have a television.

13 Q Is there any practice in the local church that
14 forbids members from reading newspapers?

15 A No. I subscribe to newspapers.

16 Q Can you tell the Court generally what newspapers
17 you read?

18 A Well, in Anaheim I got the L.A. Times for a while
19 and New York the New York Times. Now I get the Wall Street
20 Journal Daily.

21 Q Is there any practice, or strike that.

22 Is there any teaching as far as discretion in
23 television or movies or the like?

24 A Yes, of course. We encourage all the people to do
25 what is profitable and not to occupy themselves with things
26 that are questionable morally or would not be healthy to

1 them both spiritually or morally. Television has a wide
2 range of programming and we encourage them to be selective
3 and to do what is healthy and not to be distracted, because we
4 encourage people to read the Bible, too, to take care of
5 their spiritual life.

6 Q But there is no rule that says you can't watch
7 television, you can't read the newspapers?

8 A No, there is no such rule.

9 THE COURT: How do you handle that, making the
10 suggestions what to read and what to look at? Is it recom-
11 mendations or do you have a list of what you can see and can
12 not see, prohibited programs or anything of that nature?

13 THE WITNESS: No. Generally it would be positively
14 encouraging them to read the Bible and read the spiritual
15 books. It would be on the positive side.

16 Acutally, sometimes with the young people, the high
17 schoolers, the junior highers, if I know them well, I may
18 talk to the group of them not to waste their time watching
19 so much television, that they should read the Bible, come to
20 the meetings instead of sitting home and watching television,
21 something like that. Mainly it's by positive encouragement
22 of the spiritual life.

23 THE COURT: Basically, if I understand what you're
24 saying, it's kind of a general overall don't waste too much
25 time on TV, spending a little more time on the Bible, you'll
26 get more out of it and that kind of instruction rather than

1 we have picked out these programs we want you to watch and
2 these programs we don't want you to watch?

3 THE WITNESS: That's correct. There is no
4 selecting or even suggesting. It's more of a general overall
5 guidance.

6 MR. MORGAN: Q How about the meetings? Are the
7 members -- is it mandatory the members attend all meetings?

8 A No, it's not mandatory and many of them don't.

9 Q Can you tell the Court generally what a week holds
10 by way of meetings if one were to go to all of the meetings?

11 A Most churches have three or four regular meetings a
12 week, Tuesday night prayer meeting, Thursday night or Friday
13 night Bible study, Sunday morning meeting, which usually is a
14 preaching meeting in many places, and a Sunday evening at
15 which the Lord's table is observed, communion.

16 Q It's a communion?

17 A Yes.

18 Q If a member doesn't attend all of the meetings, is
19 there any penalty or sanction?

20 A No, there is no penalty or sanction.

21 Q Can you tell the Court on an average how many
22 meetings an average good member will attend?

23 A Most members attend on the Lord's day morning, the
24 Sunday morning meeting, and much smaller percentage, I would
25 say almost that many, would attend the Lord's table meeting,
26 but then the weeknight meetings the attendance is considerably