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morning, and I'm lecturing as the oldest one here to give some advice to some people who might make a step today that they think is in their best interest, but they don't realize that a day will come and they'll be out there thinking that they have taken a position of leadership and they'll look around and won't one soul be behind them. So it's not leadership that's being shown here; it's being "frontpersonship." You're fronting. You're fronting, and you need to understand those things. Now who am I talking to? I'm a hat maker. I just make hats and throw them out there. If it fits your head, put it on. If it doesn't fit your head, leave it alone. If I throw a rock amongst some jackasses, the only one that goes heehaw is the one that's hit. So I've listened to the lectures and I'll tell you all something. I don't care how many times a process has been done, and if I've used it myself. If it comes up and I'm opposed to it, I'm going to oppose it tooth and nail. This is an amendment of some length and some significance, but people are free to try to do anything that they think they can do under the rules. But once having attempted it, don't become so testy. Don't get in a snit. And, above all, don't think that you've got more cards in your hand than you really have. I could be standing here thinking I've got everybody cowered and I'm just jumping up and down and raising dust, and then I say, by God, I believe I showed them, and then my britches are about to fall so I reach to pull them up and I see this huge looming shadow and I look behind me and I see that this little salamander is not what they're afraid of. They're afraid of that dragon towering. The dragon has smoke coming out of the nostrils; just barely parts the lips and a tongue of flame leaps out and it makes Godzilla head for cover. Rodan will not even rest, just flies away, if you all don't know who Rodan is or what he was. So sometimes it's good to keep those things in perspective. I probably am the only one on the floor who will say directly when it should be said that a person needs to strike sail and await a better breeze and not do something that is going to cut him or her off, that will burn a bridge, that will destroy a ladder. I can take care of myself, but I don't know about everybody else. So I'm just offering a little friendly advice to those who may be receptive. There is a scripture, because some people are more receptive to that: He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. Those who don't hear, obviously, it's not intended for them.