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b. His expression (the manner in which he speaks)

- (1) His worship must be original but not unique...it must not be totally above his company.
- (2) It must be appealing but not popular...those who hear must be led in assent but the expression should not be crude (purposefully, that is).
- (3) The worship must be truthful but not a theological lecture.
- (4) The worship must be personal but not exclusive...it must be of one's own feeling, knowledge and experience but it must not be so much a part of one that others cannot enter into it.

TVT would recommend that every brother read the preface to Some Hymns for the Little Flock and apply what that writer said about the suitability of hymns to the suitability of expressed worship.

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d. His conduct:

- (1) Physically...would prefer that one stand to lead the company...this can hardly be a "requirement", however.
- (2) Emotionally...one should have his own emotions in control.
- (3) Spiritually...an attitude of respect towards God and his brethren.
- (4) Linguistically...a lot could be said. One should be careful that his speech is not unnecessarily offensive. Big problems arise concerning the second personal pronoun. TVT uses "you" and thinks that the best arguments are on this side but does not think the matter should be divisive and urges that if one becomes aware of a sensitivity on the part of a company...the stronger party will be willing not to stumble the other. There is a good bit of simple common sense involved in this section and one must allow local situations to guide him...the particular matter is not addressed in the Word.

There are those who never take an open part in a meeting...not because they do not wish to but because they do not know what to do. We will discuss this more particularly in a later section but...what he does in leading worship is simply to naturally praise the Lord. We mention these other matters as things that condition our thinking before a meeting..not as something to worry about during a meeting.