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### ~Other Speakers M-R: St. Benedict of Nursia:

In all things, therefore, let all follow the Rule as guide,  
and let no one be so rash as to deviate from it.  
Let no one in the monastery follow his own heart's fancy;  
and let no one presume to contend with his Abbot  
in an insolent way or even outside of the monastery.  
But if anyone should presume to do so,  
let him undergo the discipline of the Rule.  
At the same time,  
the Abbot himself should do all things in the fear of God  
and in observance of the Rule,  
knowing that beyond a doubt  
he will have to render an account of all his decisions  
to God, the most just Judge.

But if the business to be done in the interests of the monastery  
be of lesser importance,  
let him take counsel with the seniors only.  
It is written,  
"Do everything with counsel,  
and you will not repent when you have done it" (Eccles. 32:24).