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## LESSONS FOR LEADERS!

### NOT JUDGING PEOPLE'S LOYALTY BY THEIR PERSONALITY OR PROBLEMS

1. I was thinking about some of our Family members who have had long-term weaknesses or problems & who, although they haven't gotten over them completely, have made slow, somewhat steady, progress. Some of these people seem so unstable & unsteady, & when you compare them to others who seem so stable & secure, you wonder how they've made it so long & if they'll continue to make it. But that shows that "man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart."—1Sam.16:7.

2. Some of these "weaker" ones continue to plod along & make slow progress over the years & continue to hang in there with the Lord's help, while sometimes some of the "stronger" ones give up the fight & leave. So you really can't judge by the personality or even the problems people have.

3. Some of the so-called "weak" ones have something inside that gives them the determination to fight, to make the decision to give it all they've got & to stick with it no matter what the problems are! It doesn't seem to have anything to do with the stability of their personality either. I know of some people who have very stable personalities, they're calm & not easily upset, they're stable & not too emotional, who have been on the verge of backsliding because of their problems.

4. So you can't go by people's personality, you can't peg them & say that because they're a certain kind of personality that they're more apt to go back than some other personality. You can't tell by that. In fact, you can hardly even tell anything from their problems either. Of course, some people are more at risk because of the kind of problem they have, but if they just hang on, if they make the commitment to try to overcome, & even if they don't overcome, if they fight to just hang on & stick with it, then they'll probably make it. We've got some problem people that have been in the Family for years, & their problems have been pretty bad, too!—But they've been working on them & they've made some progress & they keep trying to overcome.

5. I don't know why it is that some of the "weaker" ones stay & some of the "stronger" ones go, but I think it's mostly because they give up & don't continue to fight. Like Dad has said, they lose their connection with the Word, with the Message, & they lose the vision & courage to continue on & they begin to look at the things of this World & look elsewhere for satisfaction, to the flesh rather than the Spirit. They give up, thinking that something may be better elsewhere. But mostly it's just because they aren't fighters. If they really wanted to, they would fight to stay, & if they did, they'd make it.

6. We've seen that with a lot of these long-time problem cases, when the crunch comes & they're given an ultimatum, they get the victory. No matter how bad their problems are & no matter how difficult a time they've had in trying to conquer them, when they were given the ultimatum to either get the victory or leave the Family, they wanted to stay more than anything & they fought with all that was in them for the victory. They know where their place is & they don't want to lose it. Like the disciples said to Jesus, "To whom should we go, Thou alone hast the Words of Eternal Life!"—John 6:68. If you're going to make it, if you're going to remain true & faithful, you have to be committed & convinced that the Family is where you want to be & where you belong!

at all these problems! Look how far they have to go!” we can’t let that stumble us or keep us from having faith in them. We just have to look at things the way the Lord looks at things, even though our normal reaction may be to look at the negative. We need to realise that’s not right because the Lord never gives up hope on people. As long as they’re willing to yield, then He can take them & amazingly remake them much more quickly than we had ever expected or thought possible.

124. Looking at all the problems & at all the bad habits that have to be changed is looking at it in the natural. When we get discouraged about it or think, “Oh my, that’ll take so long! How are they ever going to make it? They have all these weaknesses that they have to overcome & all these things that they have to correct in their life,” that’s really looking at in the natural.—And in the natural it may be true, but in the supernatural it doesn’t have to be true. The Lord can & will perform a much greater thing in their lives than we could ever dream of, or that they could ever do in the natural, if they yield. So we have to look at it the way the Lord looks at it, by faith. When we’re tempted to look at it in the natural we need to realise that’s not the right way to look at it. We’ve got to look at it the way the Lord does & know that all things are possible by faith!

## LOVE, AFFECTION & SEX!

### SACRIFICIAL SHARING: FOR WOMEN & MEN!

125. Someone in our Home had a question about whether there is a different standard in the Family for women in sacrificial sharing than there is for men. It seemed to her that with our women, especially in WS, there has been a much greater emphasis in promoting or encouraging them to share with the men sacrificially & to do all they could to fulfil the men’s needs. Whereas, on the other hand, the men don’t seem to be quite so sacrificial & don’t seem to have quite the same attitude when it comes to the women.

126. I told her that the standard should be the same. The standard of love & consideration is always the same & it doesn’t apply any more to one than it does to another, or to one sex than to another. She brought up the point about the woman being made for the man.—But I think if

you read the Scriptures, you’ll see that the man has an obligation to the woman as well, he’s not supposed to neglect his duty of marriage to her either. I don’t exactly know what the full interpretation of that particular verse about the woman being made for the man is, but I do know the accurate interpretation of the Law of Love, that it doesn’t apply any more to one sex than the other, & sacrificial love requires the same standard, no matter who is involved.

127. I believe that our women in WS have been trained more in sacrificial sharing because there usually have been more men to take care of, & that has put the emphasis on the women having to do more along those lines & be more sacrificial than the men. The men just haven’t been as used to it because their sacrificial sharing muscles haven’t been as well exercised as the women. Also, maybe it’s naturally easier for women to fill a man’s need, they’re more made for that & they can more easily sacrifice in that respect. But that doesn’t mean that the man doesn’t have as much obligation too, if the need is there.

128. If someone in our Home had that question, then I wonder if maybe we need to clarify it for the Family as well. The prophecies on affection & sharing certainly were pretty clear, & didn’t at all specify that they were for one sex & not the other. It made it pretty clear that the Lord was talking to everybody. Also, when the leaders at the Summit Meeting had prophecies on the single women, they were very much directed to the men & their responsibility.—Of course, that does not exclude the women & the wives who have the responsibility to take these single women into their family groups & to share their husbands with them as well if there is such a need.

### CONCERN ABOUT CA QUESTIONS: PRESENTING IT TO THE PUBLIC & EXPLAINING IT TO THE FAMILY

129. I’m sorry that we couldn’t come out a little more forthrightly in the Child Abuse Statement, bringing out the point that all sex between adults & minors is not bad, sinful, harmful or abusive. However, the problem was that we didn’t know how much we could say without putting the Family at legal risk. We wouldn’t have been afraid to admit more if we had known we could do it legally, but we had to be careful

& try to protect the Family, & since at the time we were unable to get any expert advice on that subject, we had to do the best we could.

130. The Lord may be trying to force us to come out more with our full beliefs on this matter & to take a stand for it. Of course, this is what we have talked about & debated for months, how much should we say, how much could we say etc. The way we present this is very delicate, because on the one hand, we can get in big trouble with the System, & on the other hand, if we handle it the wrong way, there is the danger that the Family may feel that we are saying that the Letters were wrong & what Dad had to say in those Letters was not right & was a mistake. We definitely don't believe that & we can't afford to give that impression, so we certainly have to avoid that at all costs. We certainly do not want to say that the Letters were wrong or to say anything that will infer that they were wrong, because they weren't wrong.

131. I'm really concerned about this subject, not only how to present it to the public, but also because our JETT's & Teens seem to be overwhelmingly getting the idea that all of our sexual freedoms have been wrong. Many of them already have that idea, that the Letters must have been wrong & Dad must have been wrong all this time. Their attitudes & what they're saying now are indicating this—that all the sexual experiences that they've had in the past have been wrong. We're hearing it from all quarters, & if we can't put something in print about it, I don't know how we're going to dispel these wrong ideas.

132. We may eventually have to come out & just say, "Look, the Letters were not wrong, & loving acts of affection, even those with a sexual tone to them, are not wrong in God's eyes. However, they're not right for us right now for several reasons. Number one is because in the eyes of the System they're illegal, & therefore we must not do them any more. Number two, they usually have not borne very good fruit.—Not because of the act itself, but because a relationship between younger people & older ones seems to be too distracting. We've found that relationships between teens & adults for the most part do not seem to bear very good fruit in their lives & ministries. Number three, because of their misunderstandings about the subject, younger people may not be ready for any kind

of sexual involvement until they are older, because they have a lot more things to learn, they have a lot of other things to concentrate on & it doesn't seem that it bears very good fruit. So we do not do it & it's banned & forbidden.

133. However, that does not mean that loving affection between two people, regardless of age, provided it's not hurtful & both parties like it & want it, is wrong in God's eyes. But in the present moral climate of the World today it is wrong for us as it hurts the Work of God. "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient!" (1Cor.6:12)

134. I feel we need to somehow explain to our JETT's & Teens that love & loving affection is not wrong. As it says in the Letters, if it's not hurtful, if it's loving, then it's okay. Of course, having actual intercourse with a child wouldn't be okay as it wouldn't be loving, but a little fondling & sweet affection is not wrong in the eyes of God, & if they have experienced the same in the past they weren't "abused." We need to somehow help them understand that these things aren't wrong, & the Letters about them are not wrong, it's just that because of the System's very strong restrictions on such things & the severe punishment that they hand out for it, it is no longer fitting & proper for us to do it.

135. Of course, I realise there is a certain risk in declaring that there's nothing wrong with it in God's eyes, & we've been hesitant to publicly proclaim that. However, I don't know that we could get in any more hot water than we're already in by saying that we believe that there's nothing wrong with loving affection in ideal circumstances & ideal times. I'd be surprised if legally they can prosecute you for what you believe if you don't act on it! Even if the whole rest of the World believes that sexual fondling of children is wrong & we say we believe it's okay, but we don't do it, I don't think that they could do anything to you.

136. It's an explosive hot subject, but maybe the Lord is going to force us to take a stand on it eventually & be truthful about it, as we have been about everything else, because the Devil has just got the whole World hood-winked about this! All of a sudden everything that has anything to do with sexual overtones is completely vile & evil & wicked, even though many of them produced very good experiences & were helpful & sweet. But it doesn't matter to

the System whether it was good or whether it was selfish & lustful & bad, to them it's all bad now!

137. Are we going to just go along with that & promote that idea & continue to be part of the Devil's great deception & lie just because we're afraid of what might happen if we tell the Truth? We haven't held back the full Truth on any other point that I can think of. We're even coming out & telling the truth about the Jews now! This is about the only subject where we're really going along with the System, we're playing along with them, we're acting like we believe what we did was wrong, because we have changed & stopped doing it. In other words, we're saying by inference that we do believe it's wrong, because look, we don't do it any more. No wonder our teens are getting the idea that it was all evil.—Of course they're getting this idea because by our actions & rules, without a full explanation, that's what we're saying!

138. Perhaps we could at least write something explaining all this to our own kids. Of course our enemies will get it fairly quickly & will use it against us, but maybe we need to take that risk for the sake of our kids & the Truth. I just feel that we need to explain to our kids that any experience they may have had along these lines, if it was loving & if it was desired, was not wrong. We need to show them that even if in some case the experience for them wasn't so great, that by comparison to what goes on in the System, it still wasn't "abuse."

139. It's a very explosive & sensitive issue, & it could get us in trouble, but I'm very concerned, as are many of you, about the effect it will have on the Family if we don't say something. Of course, by saying something we risk incurring more trouble from the System, but in some ways I feel that it may be worth the risk, because the System hates us no matter what we say or don't say. Not bringing up the issue isn't going to make them love us or accept us. They're out to get us, & no matter what we do or don't do they'll still fight us as long as we exist if we're witnessing & living for Jesus. So maybe it's more important to take the risk in order to strengthen the faith of our JETTs & teens.

## THE SYSTEM'S VIEWS ON SEXUAL AFFECTION BETWEEN ADULTS & MINORS!

140. This whole damning of any kind of sexual affection, or practically of any kind of affection at all between adults & minors, seems to be something that is sweeping the World now! It was never such a big deal before, & until just recently nobody thought anything of it.

141. Of course, there are a lot of kids in the System who have been horribly abused, which is the justification the Devil is using to crack down on all love & affection between adults & children. Evil men have waxed more evil, & the cruel, selfish, lustful way they have used sex on children has gotten more cruel & more lustful & worse than ever, & those evil people should be punished. But that shouldn't have caused the end of the sweet affection & the sweet sexual expressions that have always been a part of life, since the beginning. The Devil, however, has used that excuse to call it all evil.

142. Children are now taught in school to turn in their own parents or anyone else that shows the slightest bit of affection toward them. They're taught that it's naughty & it's very bad & those people are sick & they need help, & you're doing them a favour if you tell on them & report them. Of course, they never tell the children that this is going to get your father thrown in jail for years & years, & get you taken away from your mother & your sisters & brothers, & you'll probably never even get a chance to live with them or hardly see them again.—They don't tell the kids that! So the children, under this heavy pressure & propagandising, think it's the right thing to do. They don't think their teachers would tell them to do anything wrong. Their teachers are the main source of authority in their lives & they must be telling them the right thing.—And as a result, their family is broken up just because the parents show them love & affection.

## ORAL SEX WITH WOMEN

143. There have been some questions about men performing oral sex on women & whether it's okay or not. Apparently, one place in the Letters Dad says it's nice & in another place he says you can get a sore throat from it. The stand he has taken all along is that for a woman to make love to a man orally is much less risky than