

The Hope of the Future!

—Our Endtime Teens!

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God bless you & greetings to all our Family teens! Here is your third "Hope of the Future", beginning with the story of teen David, formerly Jubilee. He used to wish he could have the things of the System, but when he did backslide to try them, he found that the System is not all fun & games like it's pictured in the movies! He shares his heartaches, battles & tribulations when alone on the Devil's territory, & how he was so thankful for the Lord's Love & Mercy in allowing him to return to the Family! GBY, David, we're so glad you made it back!

Next let's go to Southeast Asia, where you'll meet national teens who stayed at a Family Home for three days, & who, although they are still living in the System, all said, "We'd rather have Jesus!" than all the World has to offer!



The PI YES (Youth Education Seminar) is our next stopping place, with notes on the class, "Learning Yieldedness & Obedience". Don't miss this priceless privilege of reading here the personal lessons of many leaders who relate breaking experiences the Lord used to make them the useful vessels they are today! Are you being what Jesus wants you to be?—LHU all to yield & obey so we can fill the role He has for us to play!

Next in this issue, get ready to whip out your Bibles for a fascinating & strengthening Bible study about the foundations of our Family practices in God's Word!—"Consideration in Conversation!"—As Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, because ye have love one to another."—Jn. 13:35

News Flash!—Auntie Sara Visits Teen Combos! Wow! Read teens' reactions to meeting Auntie Sara in person & how they enjoyed & learned from what she shared in her convicting, bottle-breaking & fun-filled presentations!

And last but not least is the list of "Good Videos for Teens!"—Updated 1988.—Recommended for good, profitable "Teen Time" video viewing! PTL!

God bless you as you read, study & prayerfully apply these articles to your lives! We love you & we're counting on you! You are our Future, our Endtime Fighters, Heaven's Boys & Girls, an inspiration to us all! Keep on fighting the good fight for Jesus!

"I WANT TO MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME!" Ex-prodigal Teen Tells You "The System's Not Really It!"

From David (formerly Jubilee), India Area

Hello, my name is David (formerly Jubilee), & I'm the eldest son of Happy & Meek (Kenaz & Hodiah). I'm 15 years old & grew up & spent most of my life in the Family. I was born in 1972 in Norfolk, Virginia & after that travelled to India, & around the World in the Family.

Sometimes when I was 10 & 11, I used to see System children, & I used to go through battles & trials when I would see that they had a lot of things. The Devil would really lie to me & make me wish I had them, too. I used to rebuke the Devil a lot, & win victories.

Then a little over a year ago I was in



Greece with my family & got a phone call about the Shove-Off Program, so I came to India. My parents were going to come a couple of months later. I was staying in a Home here & learning lots & lots of lessons. I was really growing in the Spirit,

but I was also going through some battles. I had been stealing various things when I was younger, I would shoplift candy, or magazines, because I had a real hunger for the Word. I would read System magazines & listen to System music whenever I could. I went through real battles, & I would fight them, & get small victories, but I never had enough faith because I never stayed in the Word enough to be able to constantly fight these battles & keep my victories that the Lord gave me.

So one day, after my parents had come, I was out Postering & I saw some System magazines, & I just took them kind of instinctively & put them in my bag. I got home later, & I was reading them, & someone caught me. So I started getting in the Word again, & reading up on the subject & I had a couple days alone to get in the Word.

During that time the Devil started telling me a lot of lies & the problem was I started listening. He kept saying the System was nice. I believed it because all that I ever saw of the System, as a teenager in the Family, was what I saw in the movies.--And in movies they often make a very glamorous picture of it, & make it look real fun.

So I kept thinking that I would like to try it, & I got really into myself, & I wouldn't really hear of anything else. I had really given myself over to the Devil in many parts of my life.

So finally my parents decided to let me go back to the System, & I went back to live with my grandmother in the USA, & I started going to school there. For the first month it seemed kind of exciting to me, & I was trying new things. I was going to a private school, & I was kind of surprised because I was an honour student without even trying, because I didn't really care about my studies,

& I didn't really care about school. I just wanted to have fun, but without even trying, I was an honour student. (Ed: The good fruits of Family education!)

I started getting into sports, & was a fairly good athlete, but inside I wasn't really happy. But I would just brush this aside & continue on in the physical world, & I would never think about the Lord or the Family. Many people in the Family would write me letters, & it got to the point where I wouldn't even read them. I wouldn't even open them, because if I did it was far too convicting for me. All my friends were using drugs & cocaine, but I didn't use it myself because even as a Systemite I did not want to become addicted to drugs, because I could see what it was doing to them--it was ruining their lives. I could see that they were just physically falling apart & spiritually wrecks. But I was actually spiritually a wreck myself.

It was a Catholic school that I went to, & in the religion classes I excelled. Even though I wasn't in the Family, & I tried to consider myself an atheist, I couldn't help but argue with the teacher on various points from what I'd learned in the Family. Even though I was trying to convince myself that I didn't believe it, at the same time I knew I did, & I couldn't help but stand up for it in front of the teacher.

I went out to Los Angeles for the Summer, & it was a real experience because it was so demonic. I started going out & making new friends among the upper class & went to a couple of parties in Beverly Hills, & was dating various daughters of stunt men & camera men in Hollywood. Everyone was taking drugs, & they were just all mixed up & foolish & shallow. They had nothing in their lives, & I could see this, but I still was listening to the Devil & deciding that that's the way I would be. So I started being like them, & going out to all kinds of parties & things.

Then I had to start Summer school, & the school where I was going was so terrible. It was one of the biggest schools in all of California, & when you enter the school grounds, police officers are stationed all over the school to guard the teachers against attacks from students. Many of the teachers there carried guns, because otherwise the students would attack them with knives & guns also. It was like a war zone!

At the end of that Summer I returned to New Jersey, & I continued to do quite well in my studies, although I didn't care about

them. I was trying just to have fun.

Sometimes while I would be going to sleep I would start thinking about the Family & the Lord. But I would immediately try to close my mind off & not think about it, & I started going to sleep with the TV or radio on so that I wouldn't be able to think about this, because it was so convicting. I couldn't understand why the Lord kept trying to get me, when I was trying to fight Him so much.

I started getting into reading a lot of books on spies & things like this, & I started daydreaming a lot about the System, even though I was there! Since I wasn't happy with the way my life was then in the System, I started daydreaming about my life as an adult in the System & what that would be like. It seemed to me that nothing really satisfied me there. I could never even make up my mind on what I wanted to do as a career. One week I would be thinking I would be a lawyer, & the next week I would be thinking I'd be a musician or an actor or something.

I was playing lead guitar for a heavy metal group, even though I hated heavy metal music myself, & I couldn't stand playing it, but it was the "cool" thing among the kids there. I finally quit because I couldn't stand it. It was such confusion, & it was nothing but loud music. In some of the songs that they sang, they would openly worship the Devil, & even though I was trying to consider myself an atheist, I still couldn't take that so I quit the group.

I used to watch a lot of TV too, but I tried to keep it down to a minimum because I could see all of my friends were just empty in their heads because they watched so much TV. They used to watch 6 or 7 hours of television every day. The television was so antichrist & foolish & stupid that even I couldn't bear to watch it that much.

So finally I was lying on my bed one night--I still can't remember exactly what started me thinking about the Lord again, but I started thinking about it, & the Lord just really came through & I finally opened up my heart to Him. He just came in & it was so wonderful! I remembered that I'd brought a cassette tape of the Letter "The Helmet" (ML 1058) with me, so I put it on & I started listening to it. I listened to it over & over again, & I really started getting concerned because of what it was saying about backsliders & what the Lord would do to them.

So I really started crying out to the Lord to forgive me. I was praying for about 7 or 8

hours before I even realised it. I was just crying & crying & praying & I was really desperate with the Lord, because I could see that I was so far astray now. I stayed up all night reading the various Letters that I had & listened to "The Helmet" over & over, & just talking to the Lord & praying. Then I got up & I wrote a letter to my parents & told them that I would like to join the Family again & serve the Lord.

After this it was about 7 or 8 in the morning because I had stayed up all night. I skipped school for the day & stayed back & got in the Word, because I knew I really needed strength to continue there, because I would still probably be a couple of months there in the System, & I knew I really had to be full of the Word to be able to stand up to the devils that were around me. So I stayed in the Word & kept my Memory Book with me at all times.

Later on that afternoon, the Lord showed me that I should write to some of the other people in the Family & tell them, too. This was a real blessing, because the letter that I had written to my parents did not arrive there for two months, & it was really the Devil fighting it, but one of the letters that I had written to another brother arrived within two weeks.

It had been two weeks since I'd written the letter & I had been carrying the Memory Book with me to school every day, & getting in the Word during school, & I didn't do any of my school work at the time. My parents phoned two weeks later, & they were obviously very excited to hear that I wanted to return again! I was really touched with what they were telling me.--How they would forgive me, & they weren't getting down on me about leaving or anything, because the Devil had really been lying to me & telling me that everyone was going to be really upset, & they might not even take me back because I had left. But when they called they were just really sweet & they gave me a lot of encouragement. They gave me a phone number of some other brethren in the States, so I called them & they were really sweet & encouraging too.

Then my grades fell because of the fact that I hadn't been studying because I was spending all my time in the Word instead & I failed a bunch of different courses. So my grandmother was extremely upset, & she wanted to know what was wrong. So I told her that I was thinking about going back to serve the Lord again. She got upset & ar-

ranged for me to see some psychologists. First she sent me to a school counsellor, who was very young, only 20, & it was her first assignment. So I just talked to her & I don't think she even really listened, & she just reported to the Head Counsellor that I was doing fine.

So then my grandmother had me see the Head Counsellor. He wouldn't listen to anything I had to say, & for about an hour he was just going on & on about how I was only 15 & going through emotional stages, & so I couldn't make any decisions for myself. I could see that he wasn't listening to anything I had to say, so I finally told him that I couldn't stay in the room with him smoking because it was making me choke, so I just got up & left.

When my grandmother found out about this, she sent me to a professional psychiatrist, but she also wouldn't listen to me, but kept saying the exact same things that the other counsellor had said.--I tried witnessing to them, but they just wouldn't listen. It was actually kind of good, because this psychiatrist seemed to be more interested in filling up her hour & getting paid than about solving any of my grandmother's worries. So I had to continue to see her every week, & I would just go in & witness to her & let her just sit there.

During this time I was in contact with the Family in the States, & made phone calls to them every other day, which was really encouraging. They would read me some Letters & pray with me over the phone, & it was really encouraging for me, because all around the Devil was really attacking me now since I had decided to serve the Lord again. Before I had gotten into a lot of fights, & I had gotten into a fight with a leader of this gang & he had gotten kicked out of the school for the fight. So the rest of the gang came to me during this time, & they beat me up really bad & used a knife on me & really ripped me up. When I went home that day, my grandmother decided to take me out of the school I was in & put me in a different school. So the Devil was really fighting me, because now that I had decided to serve the Lord all these things started coming up.

Before I had wanted to join certain clubs but they wouldn't let me, but now they all started asking me to join them, & our soccer team that I was on went to the State Championships & everything, but I decided to quit the soccer team because it was so competitive. The kids in sports in the United States

were just so out of it & they really wanted to kill you out there on the field.--Not just have fun & have some exercise.

So I quit all the teams I was on because they were just so competitive, & I started witnessing to my friends, who to my surprise wouldn't hear a word of what I had to say, or even look at a Poster or listen to a tape, but instead would just laugh. And these were the people who were supposed to be my friends! So I really started to see once again who my friends really were, & who my Family was! It really made me appreciate the Lord so much more! All the time I had in the Word really made me appreciate that so much more, too.

It was actually the Lord that my grandmother decided to switch schools, because it took a couple months' transition to try & change schools. During this time I started telling my grandmother that I really did want to go back & serve the Lord. So she started to get really upset & when my father would try to call to talk to her about it, she would just hang up on him. She wouldn't listen to anything & she just wouldn't let me leave. She started getting my various uncles & aunts & cousins to sit down & talk to me & everything.

So finally my father & I agreed that the only way for me to be able to get out of the States was for him to just come & get me, so, thank the Lord, he surprised her & just showed up at the door to get me. She freaked out, but after a few days she decided to let me go.

We got tickets a couple days later & I left! I came to India where I was before & saw the Family again. It was so encouraging for me because the Devil had really lied to me a lot, & said that once I got back to India I would be separated from everyone else & would be in my room for months, & not allowed to talk to anyone so they could observe me. And even after I'd decided to serve the Lord again, I'd still believe this, but the Lord really blessed my faith because I said that even if this was the case, I still wanted to serve the Lord! I still knew the Family was the right place for me!

But when I came it wasn't like that at all. Everyone was so loving, they were just so sweet that I was really excited & encouraged. I was just so inspired because being in the System I was fighting constant battles every minute because I was on the Devil's territory. Once I got to a Home I was on the Lord's territory again, & it was really inspiring getting

in the Word & memorising again!

I wanted to take this chance to tell the other teens that the System is really out of it, & it's not where it's at! It's not all that it's cracked up to be in the movies!--Because that's what I thought it was, & I thought it would be nice to try it & see what it was like. When I tried it I just got so fed up with it, & it just didn't make me happy in the Spirit &

in my heart. The Lord gave me the desires of my heart, but sent leanness to my soul. (Psa.106:15) TTL for the Family & for the Lord's Love & mercy which saved me!--I really want to give my all for the Lord now, & my 110% for the Lord, & to try & make up for the lost time.

I love you all! Thank you! Love, David

Teen Nationals--On Fire for Jesus!

From James & Charity's Home, SEA

Having the three teenage children of our live-out disciples stay at our house for two weeks was not only exciting, but very fruitful! We learned some important lessons. We had some of our older kids & teens room with them on mattresses in the schoolroom & it was a real miracle, because these kids are used to having things their way & here they were: Early reveille, bed at a certain time, unusual food, witnessing, Word, inspiration, work & lots of love & they loved it!! It sure brought back memories of our early teen years in the Family when Jesus was all that mattered.

Joseph (the son of a wealthy Chinese family), Sam (14-year-old son of our live-outs) & Mary (11-year-old daughter of our live-outs) were so hungry spiritually! They memorised two-three verses a day & had usually two hours of Word & pow-wow in the morning, with witnessing &/or work period in the afternoon.

Some of them had never even washed a dish before or swept a floor!--They learned so much in all these practical areas & their parents were really touched! We tried to really give them the vision for witnessing, so we took them out several afternoons & then had classes & pow-wowed on witnessing, follow-up & letter writing. We had them write to the sheep they witnessed to & they really learned a lot! They loved it!

We actually weren't sure if they'd want to stay more than a day or so, but when they had to return home to prepare to go back to school, they were all in tears! They averaged about 8-10 souls per witnessing afternoon & came home bubbling over with testimonies!

We had one of our precious nationals, Bright, shepherd them & give them certain classes from the YES, like Honesty, Witnessing etc., & they really learned to pour their hearts out about their trials & victories. It was so inspiring to see them really change!

Like other Asians, the Thais are not used to being open & honest about their feelings, & these teens really wanted to overcome their hangup of "saving face". They found plenty of honesty of feelings & understandings in the Family! Just like Dad said in "Teenage Challenge", we have all they want & need! PTL!

It was so good for our own kids as they saw these kids, who could have all the things that they may be tempted by: Food, videos, "freedom to do what we want" etc. but they'd rather have Jesus & the Word & the Family! So it was a real challenge to our kids to uphold the Family standard! It was so great & yet convicting as these new bottles would really ask why they saw one of the kids argue, or not living up to the standard they know we have in the Family, or why someone wasn't smiling or seemed unhappy...so it really kept us on our toes!

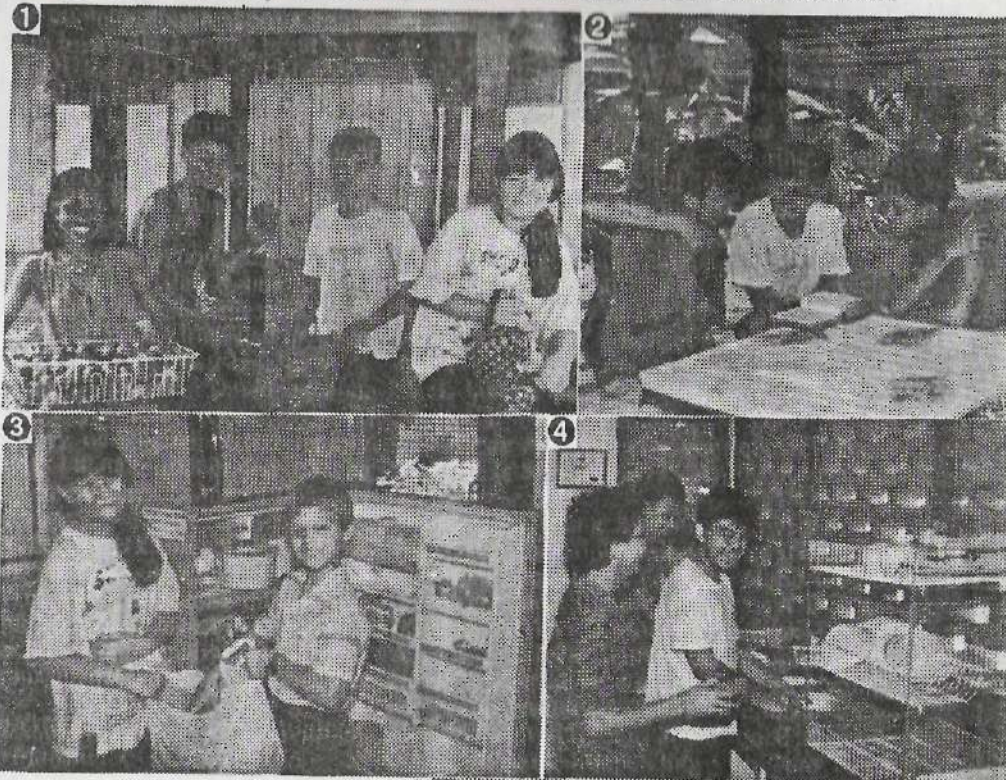
We were even getting a bit worried the last few days as they said they didn't want to go home, but we really encouraged them to have a "Revolution" in their schools, witnessing & winning their friends to Jesus, & when they go back after Summer vacation, that is exactly what they plan to do!

Already while at the swimming pool the other day, Mary & one of our kids won one of her friends to the Lord!--New bottles, winning their generation! We plan to encourage them to report weekly and try to spend a night with us each week to get filled up & re-envisioned for their big job! PTL and PG for guidance from His Word on how to train, lead and feed these precious sheep! PTL!

Newest development: Our precious catacombers are back in school & on the attack--from within! Sam won four souls in the first two days of classes! He was asked to pray to Buddha with his class & when the teacher asked why he wouldn't participate he said, "I'm a Christian now!" & he really stood up for Jesus & answered her questions

with conviction! He's having lots of trials about being whole-hearted about his studies so please pray for him & these other kids! We feel it's a real key to reach this "un-

touch" generation & we could use any support & help towards this ministry, as we need to invest time & personnel in training them, but it sure is worth it! Amen? PTL!



1 "Wow! Look what the Lord supplied through provisioning! Phil.4:19--It works!" (Left to right:) Anna (Singaporean full-timer who was a catacomber for four years before dropping out fulltime last year.) & our Catacombers: Joseph (14), Sam (14), Mary (11).

2 Our precious national, Jonathan, giving our Catacombers a vision for their job for Jesus!--Reaching their generation! They took up the challenge while here & won over 30 souls in just a few witnessing days! (L-R) Jon, Sam (14) & Joseph (14), both catacombers.

3 Putting the shopping away! "We're going to have a good time serving the Lord!" Mary (11), catacomber, with Danny (10), son of James & Charity.

4 A happy time of dishwashing with our national brother, Jonathan, telling them how! Jonathan in the forefront, Sam, Joseph & Mary.

5 The Word, the Word, the Word!--We can't get enough! Sam, Joseph, Jonathan, Mary, Paul. (All pics by Gideon.)

LEARNING YIELDEDNESS & OBEDIENCE!

Notes from Teen Class from the P.I. YES, 1987

--Notes from Testimonies by Paul Papers, Faithy, Christina, Bigheart, Samuel, Mary (Kezia), David Hold-On & Josiah

Paul: Jesus puts us through many experiences & lessons, not only for our benefit, but so that we will be able to comfort others, lead others, teach others & really be able to speak from our hearts, having experienced it ourselves!--2Cor.1:4.

I have served the Lord in many places around the World--Europe, the Middle East, India, Iran, Africa etc. I did the job, but there was something missing. I was a leader but not a Shepherd. What is the difference?--A broken heart!--That makes the difference. A Shepherd has compassion, which comes by experience & learning yieldedness. I had a long ways to go to even see the difference. A leader can do the job, but the Shepherd goes beyond that. There is a difference between the mechanics of leadership & being a true Shepherd.

Auntie Faithy was a leader of hundreds of people as a teen. But what happened before that?

Learning Submission by Working for Deborah!

Faithy: When I was 12 years old I got filled with the Spirit & dedicated my life to Jesus. By the time I was 14, my sister, Deborah, had had her second baby. She didn't like having babies & was real mad about it all the time. After having a baby, she would go to bed for about a month & be out of the victory! So I was asked to help out. I travelled alone all the way across the US & I found myself in a very difficult situation, because it was anything but ideal & happy. Deborah was just a big murmurer. She never smiled & she thought God was mean to her for giving her all these kids. She has nine now! It had spoiled all her plans for being a "career woman" (a woman who has a job that keeps her very busy & away from the home). The Lord was trying to teach her some very important lessons by having these beautiful children, & she had a hard time accepting it.

I found out that they were just Systemites! Her husband, Jethro, would work at Fred Jordan's office & go home at night & watch TV until he went to bed, & I'd bring him his dinner. If we ever had any devotions I had to initiate it. But on top of that, they re-

quired me to do everything. I wasn't any kind of a spiritual leader there, I was the household maid! I got up at 6 a.m. & I'd have my own morning devotions in the back yard & have two hours of my correspondence course schooling before I brought my sister breakfast & the little girl I had to take care of got up. I was putting myself through school at the same time.

It was quite a fight to keep on top of everything. I'd get up in the morning & praise the Lord & think of all the wonderful things that were going to happen & then I'd get all my projects done. It was amazing how much grace the Lord gave me, because I enjoyed it & praised Him no matter what! My sister was a tough taskmaster & I learned a lot from her. If I turned a sock pink by washing it improperly, I heard about it for a week. She was tough.--Never a "thank you" hardly. I cooked all the meals. (Teen: Did she pay you?) She didn't pay me or even thank me! It was my job & I was her slave!



But the Lord used it because it taught me submission! I accepted it & received it & was joyful about my work. I would go to the Word on my own. I could see that she was so unhappy & that I needed to be there as a mission to serve them & help them get close to Jesus & be a blessing. I wasn't to be a big spiritual Shepherd, but a sample in serving them & helping them.--Kind of being an unseen support & learning the little things. The most important thing that the Lord taught me was that I had to submit my will totally &

just be a servant & trust the Lord that He was going to bring good fruit out of it! I was a fulltime childcare worker, cook & housekeeper, & I had to be joyful about it & look at it as a mission from the Lord! That really helped me! I'd say that training laid a real foundation for being a leader at a young age. If I hadn't learned to be a good follower & servant, willing to do anything, I never could've been a leader as a young teenager! Nowadays you as teens get much better training in a loving Family!

A Prayer that I Would Decrease!

Paul: How would you like to have to work under Jethro & Deborah, with no thanks? That's a pretty rough story. But does it all work together for good? (Teens: Yes!) You sometimes can't see the whole picture until afterwards, but how did Jesus learn obedience?--"Through the things which He suffered." (Heb.5:8) What does "suffer" mean? Great & easy & lots of fun? (Suffer: To feel pain or distress, or experience loss or injury.) You have to suffer a little to learn obedience & yieldedness. It doesn't just roll in under the door!

At the time of the RNR ("Reorganisation Nationalisation Revolution") there was a great deal of power in the hands of certain leaders. But we weren't doing a Shepherding job, just a leadership job. Then Dad, TTL, got us back to a Shepherding role by firing us all for the sake of the Work! It took a big step of faith to fire all the leaders in the Family!--300! That is pretty radical! GBH!

But even then, when I was given a new job, I just hid behind my desk. I was devastated, I saw the error of my ways, but I didn't want to take up the challenge to change.

Later when I lived with the Folks, with their encouragement I learned honesty, & I finally started to grow in the Lord! Before I wasn't growing, I wasn't seeking to be the man the Lord wanted me to be. But then I started growing & it is a painful process! It's like exercising your muscles! But through it, the Lord makes you stronger & stronger & stronger.

So I realised that some things were holding me back & one was Pride. So I had prayer, & then I started to get humbled! In my New Year's prayer I prayed Jn.3:30, "He must increase, but I must decrease." Suddenly everything started happening to me! The first thing that happened to me was--I had a heart attack! I almost went to be with the

Lord! I was just lying there & I was paralysed! I could see everyone, but I couldn't communicate with them! The Family was praying for me, but I couldn't move. TTL, Auntie Faithy stayed with me & I pulled out of it that night.

Out of that near-death experience, I started to realise what was happening to me--I had allowed a creeping paralysis to happen spiritually in my life. Little things crept into my life, but I wasn't taking a stand against them. I wasn't facing myself or my problems, but just "resigning myself to fate", including resigning my spiritual responsibilities! The Lord really shook me up by that incident & I realised that I'd better give my all! That was my first answer about decreasing.

Also, I was really in love with a girl in my Home! You know how that happens? It's another kind of heart attack! Then she left, boom, & my heart was broken! I got over it & then things changed & I ended up in a new situation. The girl came back, however she was rooming with someone else! I even had to work closely with this fellow she was rooming with! I had to give it all to the Lord & it was a breaking, a crushing!--The second answer to my prayer to be "decreased".

The third answer: One day the Folks moved & I stayed. When you fall in love with the Folks, & you are living with them, & they leave, let me tell you, it's hard! I really went through it over that for months & months, every moment! Continually, I had the thought come to me that I had blown it so bad that they had left me behind.

What happens when these things come along? You feel like giving up & you think the Lord doesn't love you & you're too bad & there's no use carrying on. I was really going through it! What I had wanted my whole life, I had lost & every day I worried about it, although I tried to keep a smile on my face & do my work. It was a soul-searching time, but when praying about it, a previous experience came to me which was a real answer to prayer.

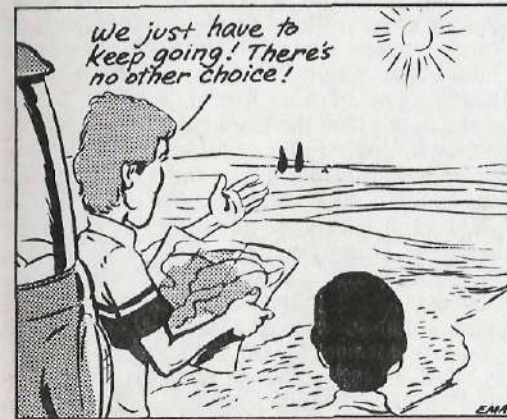
A Lesson in Escape from Iran

Then I remembered a lesson from when I was living in Iran, working with others on a project for the Shah's wife. We had a Montessori school & the elite of Teheran were at our school! (Elite: The best or most powerful people.) Then they found out who we were & this didn't go over very well. The religious advisors advised the Shah to get rid of us!

(They were Muslims in Iran.) He listened to them & they put the SAVAK on us (the secret police), who started closing in on us. We had all these 5-star generals as friends, so when we started having problems we asked for their help, but there was no response! We realised that it was time to move, but we couldn't just leave, we had to raise the money somehow to evacuate everyone!

We had a whole house of provisioned items but no money, so we started to sell everything. The Shah's daughter was a "black sheep" & was really sheepy & was helping us to get out! (Black sheep: The most rebellious, wayward or least respected of the children.) Every night we'd roll all this stuff out of the house, load up our van, push it down the road, & stockpile it in a church basement so that we could have a garage sale. In the daytime we would act normal & go about our usual activities, because we were being watched. Finally when the SAVAK agents came & broke in, everyone was gone except one brother!

We had to flee the country by driving from Teheran to Pakistan (about a thousand-mile trip). We already had had five sleepless days & then we had engine trouble! I was so exhausted, that when I hit my elbow really hard, the pain from it made me faint! We needed to get an engine overhaul, in the middle of the desert, so we provisioned special engine parts from a Mercedes car that by a miracle happened to fit our VW van. So the Lord really helped us!



At one point, suddenly the road went from a two-lane highway to a one-lane highway! We thought, "What are we going to do if a truck comes?" But then the road stopped! We thought we had missed the road! But we

hadn't, it had just gotten washed out years before, but we didn't know that from the map. That is how I felt when the Folks left!--I'd somehow missed the right road!

Well, to get out of Iran, I knew we had to keep going! We just kept going! I knew that as long as we were bouncing on the cobblestones below the sand, we were on the old washed-out road. We got off the track a couple of times & got stuck. We then got help from the Bedouin people & continued on our travels. Well, we made it out! We ended up meeting up with all the Family members who had left Iran, & then we pioneered Pakistan! PTL!

I wrote to Dad & Mama & told them all about this, especially the part about the road, the lesson being that I knew I just had to keep on going! I got a letter back from them saying, "You're right, it was nothing that you did wrong, it was just the road you needed to take! There was no other choice." So these things teach us yieldedness--you have to just keep on going, even if it seems like a rough road with lots of bumps & holes! A lot of times it is just the route we have to take no matter what!

The Difference Between A Leader & A Shepherd--Compassion!

At the Folks' I was working on the FSM (Family Specials Magazine), which was needed therapy for me. People's hearts were there on those testimonies from the field, not just facts & numbers, like before when I'd worked in an office. I started reading & even crying, realising what people go through!--It was the Lord's medicine. Soon after that Dad got the Letter "Without Love It's Nothing!" (ML 1819, GN 151) for me. It was about a hasty letter I wrote to someone on the field & the Lord exposed my heart through it. That really hurt, but in a good way! I started to make a commitment to put my name in all the Letters, to apply them all personally! I then started to get sexual afflictions, then problems with my teeth, my back etc.

Now I have always been a very independent person, & I considered that a virtue! One day I was duping Mama's Victory tape & this quote kept coming up when I was checking the tape. Four or five times it happened! The quote said, "Some people think independence is a virtue, but in God's eyes, it is as stubbornness & the sin of witchcraft!" Wow! I realised I needed prayer against my independence & stubbornness. I realised that

I needed to pour out more to others, & that I was really holding back from others.

Remember, all this happened after I prayed that New Year's Prayer, "He must increase, but I must decrease." (Jn.3:30) I realised the Lord had answered my prayer, but I didn't know if I could take it. I was praying, "Lord, what am I doing wrong? Show me!" I got the poem that says, "Are you waiting for God to answer? Are you knocking at His door? Why not try reading some of the things He said before?" I thought, "Yes, why don't I get in the Word & get the answers?" So I began to study Word projects & all the lessons started coming alive to me!

I just wanted to use those examples to show you that when you pray, He answers!-- Maybe not the way you expect Him to, but He will answer. When you walk out of here & go home, the Lord will continue to answer your prayers & continue to teach you lessons & give you classes, maybe not in a classroom, but lessons in the Word, through applying the Word in your life.

Changing Roles in God's "Play"!

The above all happened within a 1-1/2 year period & it wasn't all that crystal-clear to me at the time what the Lord was doing! I thought I had "decreased" over that period of time! I had ups & downs, demotions--& then I got to go to the ELC meeting (Eastern Leadership Conference). I thought I was going to be doing the dishes, but I got to help organise it. Then I got to go back to the Folks' house! I thought, "This is it! I've learned my lessons, now that I'm so yielded. He's given me my heart's desire!" But the Lord wasn't done--He asked me to be a "Searcher" to the US! Then I saw how yielded I was! The Lord may give you something, but He may then take it away. It is a constant forsaking, that is how we learn yieldedness!

God is the great Director & we are like actors in His movies. Take Charlton Heston, for example, he played Moses in "The Ten Commandments"--a pretty heavy role to play. You ask, are we supposed to play roles in the Family?--Yes, in a way. Actors get millions of dollars, but we are bought with a price. Charlton Heston got an Academy Award for that movie that took 6 months of his life. Then once the movie's over, his director gives him a new role. "Now we need you as a stable boy. In this new movie, you will be

shoveling manure & grooming horses." So what does he do? If he is a dedicated actor, he says, "Give me the script! I'll do it!" What happens with us? Do we do the same? This is the kind of yieldedness we should have in our lives!--To do what God directs us to do. He knows what He is doing! What if Charlton Heston said, "Wait, but I played Moses! How can you ask me to play this role, just a little stable boy?" It doesn't matter how yielded we were a year ago, what matters is how yielded we are today!

What should be our prime motive? Some actors do it for money or glory. Some actors even desire a change of role--when they're typecast. (Typecast: To always put an actor in the same type of roles, so that he is usually associated with that type of character.) The actor Sean Connery played James Bond in all his movies, then he realised that he wasn't growing as an actor! Sean saw he needed a change to grow & break out of the rut! That's why the Lord gives us new roles! It is the same for us spiritually.

Back to the question of what should be our motive.--What should constrain us?--The Love of Christ!--That should be our motivation for learning yieldedness in our lives--no other reason than because you love Jesus. You will do it for Him!

Here are some testimonies of how the Lord taught different ones here yieldedness:

Accepting the Role of Leadership!

Christina (formerly Toni): I have a testimony of how I learned yieldedness the hard way! I guess I have to go back to when I joined the Family. I was a little person, taking care of kids etc. I thought I was yielded, but then the Lord gave me a very big important job!--From a childcare job to being an important leader overnight! I thought God had made a mistake! Instead of accepting & yielding, I was very unyielded in my heart about it! I thought, "I just don't fit here, I would rather be in a humble job!" My unyieldedness really manifested itself in selfishness, stubbornness, & rebelliousness. When you are unyielded, you get like that! "Surely," I thought, "someone else should do this job!" Finally I voiced my doubt & asked to be able to return to my "little job". I was so deceived, how selfish I was! Finally my request got granted & I thought everything was great! The Lord let me go my way & after I got to the field, in my own mind I was so deceived!

Then a Letter came out about me, "The Girl Who Wouldn't!" (ML 721, Vol.6). It was the shock treatment--I was smashed! The Lord knew that is what I needed & I am really thankful for it! One little bit of selfishness leads to more, & if Dad hadn't written that Letter so I could get smashed, I wouldn't be here today! So really heed the warning signals!

Paul: Like Christina was sharing, the Lord might want you to be the Moses & not the stable boy, to be a main actor, not just a supporting actor. When we need to do it, we can do it. Maybe you say, "But I could never do it." I felt that way, too, but when the Lord is calling the shots, you'd better do it! You have to realise Who you're being stubborn & rebellious against!--God!--And a plan God made for you from the beginning of the World! So keep that vision!



Being Willing to Fail!

Bigheart: At the time of the RNR, I was one of those big Chain leaders! I was quite unwilling to receive that I failed so badly! It took a little while for me to receive that I was in charge of a big area & wasn't fulfilling my responsibility!--I was a leader, but I did not have a real heart for the sheep.

I was a leader like the frog who said, "I did!" & hit the bottom! (See "Good Thots", Humility/Pride) ➡

When that happened, I became unyielded because I said to myself, "I don't ever want to be that high again & make that fall & hit the bottom again. So I'm gonna stay on the bottom, so when I fall, I won't have to fall very hard, or not at all!" I cut off my connections with the Lord & even from the Family

& didn't want to do different things. I said, "I'll do this, but not that. I'll help with printing Posters, because if I make a mistake it can be corrected easily. But I don't want to be a leader or have any spiritual responsibilities."

I just decided that I would be yielded only to whatever I wanted to do! Then the Lord had to break me, yet I felt I was so yielded!

Being yielded is doing what God wants you to do any moment in any situation. You won't get anywhere unless you are willing to run the risk of making mistakes.

Somehow I got to Manila & started to work making "the perfect Home"! I did the printing, but again when a spiritual thing came up, I'd say, "Not me!" Then I was asked if I wanted to go to another Home! "You mean me? After all I have put into this place?!" All these changes were hard for me! The Lord was working on my yieldedness.

Then I ended up at the NAS Home. I was really involved in printing Posters at the time, & I had my day planned ahead, but the next morning I was asked to take out a witnessing team! Then I had the next day all planned & I was asked to do something different. "What are these guys doing to me?" I thought I knew what I should do! Well, everything I wanted to do was the opposite on the schedule! The Lord was teaching me yieldedness! Then the Lord had me turn over the Poster ministry so I could do other things! "But that is my ministry!" So the Lord has been using all these changes to get me desperate & looking to Him! It is getting me back to forsaking all, to doing God's Will. I thought I was doing a "good" thing,

In a certain pond on one of the farms in the east were two ducks & a frog. Now these neighbours were the best of friends, all day long they used to play together. But as the hot summer days came, the pond began to dry up & soon there was such a little bit of water that they all realized that they would have to move. Now the ducks could easily fly to another place, but what about their friend the frog?

Finally it was decided that they would put a stick in the bill of each duck & then the frog would hang on to the stick with his mouth & they would fly him to another pond. And so they did.

As they were flying, a farmer out in his field looked up & saw them & said, "Well, isn't that a clever idea! I wonder who thought of it!"

The frog said, "I did..."

but the Lord had a "better" thing!

Paul: You can think you are yielded--but it could be your own will you are yielded to, but not God's Will. If you want to grow & mature in the Spirit, yield to God's Will & what He has for you.

Condemnation Prevents Yieldedness!

Samuel: This is the story of yielding to the condemnation of the Enemy. You all have heard about the ML "Meaningful Meetings" (ML 1511, Bk.8). In there it talks about skits lacking a message & Dad suggested "There must be something wrong with the leadership!"--That was me!

I used to get under condemnation a lot & it really is a pit. When that Letter came out, I was faced with a choice & I think it must have been the May 28th DM (DM1:149) that helped me to see I simply needed to change--a metanoia! This DM was like a ray of light for me. Rather than just yielding to condemnation, I was faced with the choice of yielding to the Truth & just believing what the Lord was trying to show me & yielding to what the Lord wanted me to do! That set me free from the attacks of condemnation! Here is that DM:

"True repentance is not just being sorry: It is 'metanoia', Greek for a complete change of mind & heart & direction--a whole new man--a new personality--a new creature in Christ Jesus--born again! Only God can do it, but we must be willing & yielded to Him & make the decision that we want to be delivered without reservation!

"We must put forth the effort of a believing will. That spark of faith fans the flame. It's like God blowing on the little ember & bringing it back to life again! It comes so much through hearing the Word! As you begin to obey & follow God, & confess your sins & obey & with your last breath praise the Lord, God begins to strengthen & do His part!--If you cry unto the Lord in this time of trial, in this time of Gethsemane, followed by this crucifixion, God will answer, & it will result in glorious resurrection which can surpass all your wildest dreams, & is mightier & greater than anything you ever thought of!

"The Divine supernatural miraculous infinite marvellous Love of God is love enough to forgive! For to forgive is love--Divine Love!--You must ask for forgiveness, but you must not dwell on your remorse!

"As they went, God healed.' We've got to do the 'going'."

Paul: These personal testimonies & lessons are so touching & heartfelt, just like the real-life examples that Dad shares with us through the Letters! Samuel read the DM which talks about crucifixion. Do you feel sometimes like you're hanging on a cross? Why does the Lord do that in our life?--To bring out the resurrection of the new man! If we just hang on for just three days, three weeks, three months, sometimes three years, the resurrection will come! We can learn yieldedness.



You have heard about chastenings, well, Mary would like to share with you now about that.

How Can You Tell If You're Unyielded?-- Learning to Receive God's Love!

Mary: In the area of yieldedness & submitting to the Lord, the Lord woke me up to how I was not yielded to Him. I didn't receive the Lord's Love. That was the foundation for it. I can now say that through everything that the Lord had for me, even His spankings, trials & tests are expressions of His Love.

Since it's so important to be yielded, would you like to know how you can tell if you're yielded or not? The Lord had to teach me what yieldedness means. I thought it just meant serving the Lord & giving my service to Him. Ever since I was a little girl I wanted to serve the Lord & He gave me a lot of abilities & talents to do it. I did what I thought were good things for the Lord to serve Him. When I joined the Family I thought that service was the most important thing. For a few years the Lord had to make me sick & take away what I thought were my

talents & abilities to serve Him so I could understand what yielding to Him meant. What He wanted most of all was my love & communication with Him so that I would stay close to Him & reflect Him in the things I did for Him--to show His Love & not my own works.

I didn't understand it for a long time. When I got sick I wouldn't yield to what the Lord was trying to do in getting me to slow down & draw closer to Him, but wanted to get up while I was still sick. That's one key I would share about how to tell if you're not yielding. You can tell by the fact that you might be fighting something God's doing in your life. If God puts you in a certain situation, like in my case a sickness, which took away my strength, you have to accept it in order to learn the lesson He has to teach you.

In my case the Lord wasn't trying to show His power of healing by my being healed as I went, He was trying to stop me & break me. I liked myself the way I was & I wanted to be strong & do what I wanted to do & think the way I wanted to think. He wanted to break me & He took those abilities away so I could see Jesus coming through & others could too. And so it wouldn't be Auntie Mary, but Jesus shining!

I fought against it very hard & He kept having to take away my strength & still I didn't get the point. What the Lord used to humble me was when I couldn't fight any more! I couldn't fight any more so I thought I was becoming yielded! But is that being yielded when you're in a situation where you can't do anything else but yield? No, the Lord likes you to make the decision when there are other choices--when you choose what He wants you to do. I didn't learn to yield until I had no strength & couldn't fight, I couldn't keep doing my work because I had no strength left. Yielding is letting God break you. Grandpa said this poem was for me. He said Grandma had to be broken a lot & if I could learn from the poem I could learn a lesson. (Reads "First Place" poem, from "The Lamp", ML 1427, DB1.) Have you ever been sick before something special like a GAF or a performance & couldn't go? Sometimes you say you don't want to be sick & you want to go.--I would be quiet & listen in the room & everyone else was busy for the Lord & that's all I could hear & I would wonder when I could get up. I wasn't listening to the Lord in the silence. But He wanted me to. I liked to serve the Lord & didn't count His service sacrifice.

Sometimes I thought I had enough love to serve the Lord, but He was showing me it had to be His Love & not mine. It took me a long time to learn what it meant to yield to Jesus. When I finally yielded to Him & learned to love Jesus, then I understood why He didn't want me to serve Him in my own strength. His Own Love is more fruitful than our own love. If He had not tried to break me that way, then I would only have my own works. What happens to our own works? (Teen: They don't count.) (Teen: They get burned.) He wants us to have fruit His way & His fruit. A good way to know if you're yielded or not is if you're fighting what God wants you to be. As soon as you say "I will!", you can learn it much quicker than I did!

Paul: That was a real good testimony about yieldedness! Now yieldedness also will help you stay inside the Lord's circle of His protection. Here on our property we have guards, a security system & a great measure of protection, but on the outside of the walls we have no real control. If you decide to go outside these walls, there is nothing we can do to protect you.--The same thing with the Lord & the walls He has established for our protection.

Learning to Be the "Boy Who Would!"

David Hold-On: A lot of things that I have to share are classic examples of what not to do. It seems that I was quite independent, stubborn & rebellious all my life! The System tells you that being proud & strong-willed is a good thing. I carried that into the Family. I didn't change easy. I started life as a "toddler terror"! I was even discharged from the hospital once as I was so rebellious, even though I was quite ill! I was one of the worst high school students! My parents asked me to leave home & I wouldn't even obey them!

Then I met the Family & I knew it was what I had always wanted, but God had to make the decision for me! I was facing 12 years in prison & that was how God had dealt with me to get me to join. Then I was in a car that went off a cliff & we all should have died, but we didn't, so I repented. But I was still stubborn. Then my mate left me, then I had another car accident where I could hardly walk, but still I was unyielded. God had to keep doing drastic things--I got malaria, the next year I was sick with dengue fever. Then I started to see that the Lord was dealing hard in my life. I was never really in

a yielded state. I would listen, & decide to do only what I wanted to do & ignore the rest. This was happening after many years in the Family!

Then I got an invitation from Dad to come & do a very special job! My initial reaction was yes, but as the months went on & the trials came, I murmured & doubted & soon doubts came in like a flood & I got to the point where I decided that I didn't want the job any more!

Then the Lord really smashed my life at that point, I lost everything, everything I had always wanted to do. I knew I had hurt the Folks & other people, I had lost my position, my field of service, my family. Then "The Boy Who Wouldn't" ML came out, & that was about me. That was finally coming face to face with the facts. I suddenly realised I was blind & I came face to face with myself. I had to go all the way to yield or I was finished!--To continue with the Lord's service was going to cost everything. I knew there was nothing left for me but to yield to God's Will!

Later I was asked to become a Shepherd again, & I said no, & then I got a phone call to encourage & urge me to take the job, so I did. Here I was in Australia tied to a job I didn't really want to do. But the Lord didn't make it so hard, & I started to get the lessons down.

I finally came here to this field & the last year I have really learned to be content no matter what I have to do for the Lord! I have learned that real happiness is being happy where the Lord wants you to be! I've found that there's no difference doing a PPC job (PPC: Poster Push Center) or going to the market & getting 20 pineapples.--You can have the same vision & inspiration & enthusiasm to do the job right & you get just as much reward! That's the lesson I've learned & it hasn't stopped & I'll have to keep learning it. I had to forsake my mate too, but this time with my will on God's side, it was a lot easier.

Paul: Some different Letters have come up in which remarks were made about different people. The Lord through Dad has blasted a number of us, but after it is done, he doesn't hold it against you. It is all past! The Lord does it to shake you up, but it's like snow covers the blood stains, once we learn our lessons. (Isa.1:18) The Lord & Dad have forgiven you before you even got the Letter in your hands. It's not held against you! The Lord not only remembers all the good you

are doing, but He forgets the bad. Isn't He wonderful? 10/11 final

A Race-Horse or a Mule?

Paul: Why does the Lord allow breakings in our life, do you think? (Teen: To draw us closer to Him.) And to make us more yielded. There are degrees of yieldedness. (Degree: Different extents or amount) The verse says, "Run the race...", so let's picture the race. Some horses are like a thoroughbred stallion & when the gun is fired to start, that horse takes off! But there's also a mule. The gun is fired to start the race & what does he do? He just stands there. The owner says, "What's wrong?" & hits him with a big board on his backside. The mule starts moving & stops again. Both the mule & the horse yielded, right? The horse yielded, & the mule also yielded, but there are different degrees of yieldedness. We're talking about real yieldedness, & God will use you as much as you yield. When you take off & run hard because you realise what you're training for, you'll win the race! But if you're a mule & move a little bit, but won't get going in the race, then the Lord can't really use you. That depends on your yieldedness. So it's important to see how stubbornness can get in the way.

"He that being often reprov'd & hardeneth his neck shall suddenly be destroyed." (Prov.29:1) What does reprov'd mean? (Teen: Corrected.) Have you felt "often reprov'd"? If we're learning from it, it is exercising us & it yields "the peaceable fruit of righteousness." (Heb.12:11) But if you harden your neck, what does that mean? (Teen: You won't bow to correction, to learn the lesson.) You harden yourself to it & don't yield. What qualities do people possess when they don't yield? (Teens: Unyieldedness, rebelliousness, stubbornness, murmuring, defiance.) Those are symptoms of getting hardened to correction. If those terms apply to us, then watch out because we're building up a callous & soon God won't be able to correct us. (Callous: Hard, thick skin that grows over a place on your body that is rubbed often.) When we don't yield, what happens? He can't use us.

If our breakings depend on our yieldedness, then after we get hard & defiant against correction, pretty soon He can't use us! Or He can only use us very little, like the mule--but not like the race horse. If you're going to run a race & do something important, you don't jump on a mule! You're going to take the race

horse! That's who the Lord will choose, the one who's ready to go & ready to take off & run the race!



What if Grandmother had not yielded? Maybe Dad wouldn't have been born!--We wouldn't have been saved & this Family wouldn't have started! What if Dad had never dropped out of the System once he had a house, car, four children etc.? We wouldn't be here. Ask yourself what is going to happen if you don't yield! So much depends on our yieldedness!

Don't Avoid Obedience!

Josiah: I guess my story is a lot like the sheep whose leg had to be purposely broken, but it is not always that clear when you are going through it! From the class on "Pride", we learned that the battle royal within ourselves is with our pride. We all have a little bit of pride, some more than others. I believe I had a little more than others, for the Lord to have to break my pride so much. We talked about how yieldedness comes through correction. Demerits are one way that correction is administered to us.

In the Family I had different leadership capacities, but I hadn't had many "demerits" or corrections, especially since the RNR. I was able to escape demerits! It was like if I were driving down the street & there was a red light, I would put my brakes on a bit to signal that I wanted to stop. The Lord was giving me a warning, yet I would only slow down, but I wouldn't stop. Then as soon as there were no cars crossing the main road, I would go right on

through the red light! I became a dangerous driver.

I hadn't received much more than 1 or 2 "demerits" in years. Then the Lord got my number, & I got about 20 demerits in one week! Ha! Some of you may be able to relate to that. My main mistake was that I had not been willing to yield to correction. It was too hard on my pride! I didn't see demerits or reproof as a blessing, that correction was to help keep me close to the Lord. I thought people didn't love me any more when they corrected me, so I tried everything I could to stay away from correction. And I didn't grow as much as I should have because I avoided correction. One of the best ways to learn yieldedness is to have an "appetite" for demerits--to accept correction & know it's a sign of God's Love!

He gave me many checks on my independence & on my pride, to show me that I needed to yield my pride to the Lord. I got checks about being faithful to the Lord. He even allowed some pretty big mistakes to happen, I lost a lot of money one time & that should have really shaken me up enough to bring me back to the Shepherd's lap. But I thought as long as others didn't know why the Lord had allowed it, I was safe. I wouldn't fall on the Rock, so the Rock had to fall on me. (Luke 20:18)

After the big push of working on music tapes, the bottom fell out! It seemed like everything happened at once. My whole life, my whole career in the Family fell apart. I say "career" because that is what I had built--I hadn't gotten desperate when the Lord sent little breakings, so He had to send me a big one!

Now you might wonder if you need a big breaking? Like Uncle Paul has said, a wise man learns from the mistakes of others! I simply wasn't heeding the warnings! The main thing I was scared of was being exposed, that it would be shown that I was not what I appeared to be. I thought I was yielded.--My biggest mistake was to act humble & yielded when I really wasn't. When you have been in the Family a while you know how to act good, even if inside you are not that good! They can't see your thoughts, but your acts are clean. It was a "voluntary humility" (Col.2:18), something I had faked or put on. I even manifested certain "good" gifts but they didn't come from the Lord's Spirit working in my life, but rather were due to my "natural

abilities" which, as Mama has pointed out, can be handicaps! It can be like living a lie!--It doesn't really portray Jesus.

So the Lord allowed this big breaking to come in my life. One of the biggest offenses was my independence in the ways of doing "original" things--because it was distracting people from seeing Jesus in me! I wanted to be a little different. I wanted to stick out either in appearance, or ways of doing things.--To sound a little different, not just be "any old sheep". The Lord had to smash this independence & bring me in line! I didn't realise what God was doing. Then finally I "fell on the Rock", so much so that I couldn't even go on without spending two or three or four hours in the Word before I could do anything right! I more or less swore I didn't want to breathe without the Word! Thank God for lessons on yieldedness!

Paul: It was good that Josiah brought this out about not necessarily needing big breakings.--Little breakings can accomplish the same thing if we yield to them! Also, it doesn't have to be disobediences in these big matters, as little disobediences are the same as big ones!

Little disobediences are little holes in the dyke! This is a true story of a hydroelectric dam that burst & flooded the whole countryside. They figured out the cause: A rat

had burrowed underneath & built a nest hole so that water seeped through little by little until that tiny leak did enough damage to burst the dam & destroy the whole valley! It's a true story!--A little thing!

A wise man learns from his mistakes, but if you are really wise, you will learn from the mistakes of others! That is why we share these things. Doesn't that help you have a greater appreciation of your leaders? You can never truly appreciate them till you hear of these breakings & lessons learned through experience! It pays to listen!

SUGGESTED READING FOR FURTHER STUDY:

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BK 16	1493	Letting Go & Letting God
DB 3	1798	Maria's Prayer For Magdalene
DB 2	1927	Blank Sheet of Paper
DB 3	1951	God's Chess Game
Vol 17	2224	"Yield & Obey", Pt.1
Vol 17	2225	"Yield & Obey", Pt.2
Vol 17	2305	"Yield & Obey", Pt.3
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GN 320	2417	"Trust & Obey", Pt.2
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CONSIDERATION IN CONVERSATION! —A BIBLE STUDY

(Note: Although this article can be used for individual study, we recommend using it as a group class, if possible, adding your own discussion, applications & lessons, as well as looking up the verses together & marking them in your Bibles! God bless you with Happy Word Study!)

By Cephas
Mama has said a big part of love is being polite & courteous & considerate of others. She said, "It seems as though it should be obvious how thoughtless comments can really hurt others, but we all need constant reminders, as well as classes & pow-wows on the subject." (Maria 55:13) Have you ever been hurt by such comments?

Before we look into the Word, it might help us to look at exactly what consideration is. The dictionary says to be considerate of others is "to be thoughtful of others, kind, to treat others in a kindly way." Now the word

"consider" also means "to think about or look closely at something or someone", much in the way that Pro.6:6 says, "Go to the ant..consider her ways & be wise." In other words, think about what the ant does & learn by observation.

Jesus, too, said, "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow..." This same ability to learn from nature by considering & observing could well become a key to improving our relationship with others. As the song says, "Walk a mile in his shoes!", we can always appreciate others much more if we take time to understand what they are going through. Unfortunately, we sometimes, without even realising it, become thoughtless & inconsiderate simply by being in too big a hurry to stop & pay a little more attention to the feelings & needs of others.

As Mama has brought out in "Love Is the Most Important Thing" (ML 1793) & also in

the Basic Training Handbook in her Letters, "Teaching Kids Consideration" (Mama 54) & "Do Unto Others" (Mama 55), the key verse to describe consideration is found in Matthew 7:12, commonly known as the "Golden Rule": "Therefore, all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law & the prophets." In other words, treating others as you would have them treat you is fulfilling the Law of Love.

Galatians 5:14,15 says, "For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. But if ye bite & devour one another (with unloving comments, or unwise statements, or sarcastic jokes etc.), take heed that ye be not consumed (or destroyed) one of another."--A good warning about the destructiveness of unkind words!

Proverbs 17:9 says, "He that covereth a transgression seeketh love, but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends." Now, the word "repeateth" in the original translation means, "he that harps on a matter, bringing it up over & over again", & "very" means "close or true". So it could read, "He that covers a transgression seeks love, but he that harps on a matter over & over again separates close or true friends." This shows that if you're considerate of others' feelings, you won't be constantly bringing up & repeating their mistakes & making them think about their blunders. This is also a good verse against nagging!

Proverbs 19:11 is a good cross reference to Proverbs 17:9. It says that "it is a man's glory to pass over (overlook or give no importance to) a transgression." That's exactly what Mama brought out in "Do Unto Others" when she said, "Sometimes not doing or saying anything is an important way of showing love...ignoring something purposely when it's better not to draw attention & comment about it--that shows real love!"

Proverbs 17:27, "He that hath knowledge spareth his words; & a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit." And verse 28, "Even a fool when he holdeth his peace is counted wise; & he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding."

Solomon wrote in **Ecc.3:7b**--there's a "time to keep silence, & a time to speak." Lord help us to know the difference!

Galatians 6:1 says, "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are

spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." In other words, consider how you could be in the same place, or maybe you've made mistakes or sins as bad if not worse than the other fellow. That will keep you from being self-righteous or proud when correcting others. And verse 2 says, "Bear ye one another's burdens & so fulfil the law of Christ." A burden is not only a load or a job, but it can also mean besetting sins or trials & hardships.

Romans 15:1,2 says, "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities (literally translated "weaknesses") of the weak, & not to please ourselves. Let everyone of us please his neighbour for his good to edification." In other words, if you're strong in faith & mature in Spirit, you will bear the weaknesses, the failings, or the frailties of the weak. It doesn't say we're supposed to draw attention to their weaknesses, or crack jokes about them, or in some way belittle them in order to exalt ourselves!

That's why Jesus said in **Matthew 7:3-5**, "Why beholdest thou the mote (or tiny speck) that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam (plank of timber) that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye, & behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye & then thou shalt see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye."

That brings us back to what we read in **Galatians 6:1**, that if we're considering ourselves, we're going to get rid of the beam in our own eye before we go around trying to correct everyone else for their little frailties, or mistakes that they make around us, especially when we ourselves often have greater weaknesses!

Psalms 41:1 is an interesting verse on consideration: "Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble." Believe it or not, the original translation of the word "poor" there means, "the weak or the sick". So you're blessed if you show consideration to the weak or the sick. Read verse two for a beautiful promise of blessing to those who are considerate of the weak.

Oftentimes we are thoughtless or inconsiderate just because we're being hasty or we're in a hurry, & we don't take time to simply consider the feelings of others by putting ourselves in their shoes.

Proverbs 18:13 says, "He that answers a matter before he hears it, it is a folly & a shame unto him." That's a good verse to describe "thoughtless comments"--speaking out about things when we haven't really heard the whole matter.

And Proverbs 29:20 says, "Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? There is more hope of a fool than of him."

Proverbs 31:26 is an excellent example of consideration in talking & communicating with others. Referring to a virtuous woman, it says, "She openeth her mouth with wisdom, & in her tongue is the law of kindness." There again we have a reference to the Law of Love, calling it the law of kindness, or we could say, the law of consideration & thoughtfulness, & regard for the feelings of others. An excellent cross reference is James 1:26! Don't miss it!

Ephesians 4:29 says, "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying (building others up, strengthening others); that it may minister grace unto the hearers."

And it goes on to say in verses 30,31, "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, & wrath, & anger, & clamour (loud arguing & contention), & evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice (desire to hurt others)." And in verse 32 is a classic example of consideration: "And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." We sing this verse often at fellowship. Lord help us to really think about it & pray for His help to put it more into practice by being more patient & merciful with those around us.

Romans 12:10 says, "Be kindly affectioned one to another, with brotherly love. In honour preferring one another." In other words, consideration prefers the feelings of others above our own. And in verse 15 it really describes what it's like to be compassionate & considerate of the feelings of others, it's a good rule to follow, "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, & weep with them that weep." With those who are happy, we share their joy, & with those who suddenly experience some sorrow, we can share their sadness & feel pity & compassion for them, & not make them feel worse by some thoughtless little remark--whether intentional or unintentional--that could add to their burden.

Being inconsiderate not only shows a

lack of love, but it also shows a lack of spiritual maturity & the ability to understand others & how they feel.

Paul says in 1 Corinthians 13:11, "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child. But when I became a man, I put away childish things." Our conversation often quickly shows how mature we really are!

Then in 1 Corinthians 14:20, he says, "Brethren, be not children (immature) in understanding; howbeit in malice (or evildoing) be ye children, but in understanding be men."

King Solomon prayed a classic prayer for understanding & consideration, as a new, young ruler in 1 Kings 3:9: "Give therefore Thy servant an understanding heart to judge Thy people, that I may discern between good & bad: for who is able to judge this Thy so great a people?" And in verse 12 the Lord's answer: "Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise & an understanding heart." So if you feel you need more understanding of others, why not pray & ask the Lord to give it to you. In James 1:5 He promises to!

Now, in the same way that understanding can be closely connected with consideration, so also can compassion. Jesus was a Man full of compassion. (Mk.6:34)

1 Peter 3:8-10 says, "Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren; be pitiful, be courteous: Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. For he that will love life, & see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, & his lips that they speak no guile (deceitful speech)."

1 Corinthians 13:4 "Love suffereth long & is kind". Verse 5: "(Love) doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own." In other words, love isn't rude or rash, not self-seeking.

And 1 Peter 4:8, "And above all things have fervent (intense, strong) love among yourselves: for love shall cover the multitude of sins."

Love has an extra spiritual eye that not only sees the good things others cannot see, but it also ignores the faults & weaknesses of people that others do see & notice! And it certainly doesn't bring them up in an unkind, inconsiderate, or hurtful way!

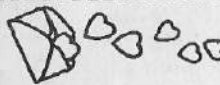
A big principle which all of us need to learn is to put ourselves in other people's shoes, to be understanding, to be thoughtful

& considerate, because consideration is love, & Love is the most important thing!

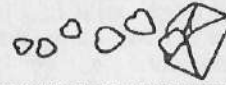
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(See also related topics--"Love", "Love One Another", "Forgiveness & Mercy" in the

"MOP", "Good Thots", "Treasures" & "Daily Bread", also "The Tongue" by Grandmother, Pt.1 & Pt.2 in the "FN Encyclopedia", page 399.)



TEENS SHARE HEARTS!



Auntie Sara Visits Teen Combos!--Reactions from the Teens!

From Joan Paloma (age 15), PI Jumbo: Dearest Auntie Sara,

GBY! ILY! I just wanted to write you a note & say some of the things that I've learned since being here with you!

It's been a real privilege to meet you & be in on a few of your pow-wows! It makes it so much easier to receive all that you've said in your letters of counsel for the teens! Before when I would read those letters, all I could see & feel was correction & I would get really rebellious. Especially when things got really tight on the teens (and everyone) in Japan! I was really bitter about it all & blamed it on you because your name was on those articles. I'm really sorry & would like to apologize!

All I could see you as was a very strict, sober rule-maker! Of course, I knew all those rules & guidelines were for our good & I've seen a lot of fruit from it, but all I could see was the correction. I guess I'm so dumb that I had to see you to know you're actually human! LHM! Perhaps if someone would have told me you're a lot of fun, I would've read those letters differently.

The pow-wows that I had the privilege to attend today really set me free! I couldn't believe some of the things you said! It sounded so radical! I'm not trying to put any other adults down, but I've never heard anyone say the things you did! For example, I know that worldly music is bad for us & I would feel condemned if, like you said, a beat caught my ear & pretty soon I'd be singing the song & then feel like I was really "yielding to the Enemy".

But when you said you don't blame us for moving to the beat of System music, etc., it made me feel so free! In a way it made me want Family music so much more because I didn't feel like someone was shoving it down my throat & covering my ears at the first sound of non-Family music.

I have always known that Family music's

the best because it has the Truth & the Spirit. But like you said, it often doesn't have real beat & rhythm to it like professional System recording! I'd like to thank Grandpa & Maria for the Teen tapes as they really do have a lot of beat. Hearing those powerful old songs done like that was so inspiring.--Also the SATTC music video! That brought a revolution in my life &, I guess, sort of prepared me for today's pow-wow because it really does show how much life our on-fire Family music has & how wonderful & free it really is!

I just wanted to thank you for this pow-wow & for your love & concern for us. I love you so much & am praying for you!

From Joan, age 16, Far East Teen Farm: Dear Auntie Sara,

The party was really fun & inspiring, especially having you teach us how to dance & helping to lead the party! TYJ! I haven't had so much fun in a long time! GBY for encouraging us with all these special blessings!

Also the class that we had on music was a super blessing for me. When you shared all those lessons on where the music World is at today, Michael Jackson, etc, it was a real eye-opener for me because in my past experiences I have watched those music videos & in many ways I haven't been exactly convinced that it was bad.

Many times my shepherds in the past have told me that System music is bad, but never explained why, so I would hear it & think, "It doesn't seem so bad". Therefore I became quite stubborn & wouldn't believe what they would tell me about it. LHM!

So having this lesson shared & reading what Grandpa has to say about it really convicted me, that if I have any liking for System music, etc., I've got the wrong appetite & if I don't really forsake it, it could really hinder my life & walk with the Lord. It's like I need to learn to hate it.

Honestly, I love music & I think most teens do, even Family teens. And I like to express myself in dancing, even gypsy dancing or the dancing we did last night.

In the PI, quite a few of us teens got into break dancing. I was very interested in System music as it had beat & sounded pretty nice, LHM! Many times we would get all condemned, as we knew it wasn't good music, but now we do have much better music, by the Family, so the System music shouldn't even appeal to me.

But one thing that I would suggest is that, if possible, we teens could have more times when we could just burn free & dance. Especially for me, gypsy dancing in the Spirit is 100% more uplifting & inspiring in every way, than any of that trash from the System.

Also if we could have more inspirations, where we could just sing songs to Jesus, it would be super inspiring.--Like what you used to do as teens when you first joined the Family!

I'm not trying to say that it's anyone's fault that I got into System music & dancing. I do take all the blame, & I don't want to excuse myself by saying the Family didn't have much to offer before, as far as teen music goes. It really comes down to me really forsaking any of my own ways of looking at things, & having the right appetite for the right kind of music. TYJ!

ILYSM! These classes are really changing my life!

From Joan, Far East Teen Farm
Dearest Auntie Sara,

GBY! I really love you so so much! I am so happy for the opportunity to get to meet you & learn many precious lessons from all you've been sharing with us teens.

I want you to know that I'm not writing this letter just to make you think good of me. I honestly want to tell you that I really appreciate all that you have done to help in this situation. For me personally it's a real revolution in many areas of my life in which I've failed & lacked conviction.

One thing I've noticed, you have a lot of conviction! I was trying to figure out why I don't have that same fire & conviction & dedication, & I'm beginning to see how it's because I lack in a very important area of my life, & that is putting the Word first in my life. Many times this is why I have so little conviction, LHM!

More than anything your sample of love, obedience in the little things, faithfulness, cleanliness etc. has convicted me more than any long classes I could have had. Just to see you living it & putting into practice what you believe, really has changed my way of looking at things.

Also all your correction & not letting us get by with disobedience, raised the standard, & gave me the vision & challenge to be more dedicated & sold-out for Jesus! TYJ!

I don't want to fail Grandpa after all he is putting into us teens, & most of all I don't

want to fail the Lord!

I love you so so much! I am going to miss you & all the fun times we have had! Thanks for teaching us dancing, I've always wanted to learn to dance. What a miracle! Thank you so much! Love, Joan

From Maria, age 13, Far East Teen Farm:
Dearest Auntie Sara,

What can I do

*To show I love you
And to thank you for all you have done.
Though we disobeyed you,
You helped us make it through
And you loved us each & every one.*

My emotions do show

*As I know you must go
And move onto some other place,
But this I do know,
That when you do go,
I'll never forget your sweet face.*

I really feel bad,

*I know we made you sad
When we did not obey what you said.
But we really will try
And not let things slip by
Of little things like cleaning our beds.*

You've helped me a lot,

*So much you have taught
And showed us where we had gone
wrong.*

*The least I can say
Is you got us to pray
And to put whole hearts into our songs.*

I really don't know

*Why I love you so,
But you really mean so much to me.
Maybe it's 'cause
You had the guts
To tell us what we really should be.*

I could almost cry

*As I wonder why
Grandpa would send you here to us.
But this I do know,
It all goes to show
Grandpa loves us so very much.*

Can't thank you enough

*For all of your love
That you brought from Grandpa to me.
You made things such fun
For each & every one,
And made me as happy as can be.*

I know it's the Lord

*As we sharpen our swords
And fight the Devil on our knees.
And I really will fight
With all of my might
To be what God wants me to be.*

I love you so so much,
Much much love, Maria

GOOD VIDEOS FOR TEENS!

(Updated 8/88)

The following are selected titles of videos believed suitable & edifying for teens to see.

The videos listed below here are more specifically suited for teens because they contain good story-lessons, usually for, or about, teens, ages 12 & over. Some listed here are also suitable for Older Children (OC), & "pre-teens", 9-12 years old.

The cardinal rule still stands that a competent adult should preview any videos before showing them to teens, pre-teens or children. Even if they've seen the movie before, a competent adult should take time to see & familiarize himself with the movie again before they show it to teens & preteens, discerning what lessons can be brought out & what points need to be ex-

plained or discussed.

Also, a running commentary, explanation or discussion is just as helpful, important & needful for this age group as it is for younger children, & maybe even more so! Remember that video viewing for our children & teens is not primarily for entertainment, but for the lessons & good experiences they can benefit from, therefore the adults' explanation is imperative.

Some movies here show the dedication, sacrifice & hardships some System people have experienced, some are fiction, some non-fiction. Some are about teens & parents, or a first-time love affair, some "Best for Older Teens" as they are of a heavier subject matter--political or historical--which would be over the heads of younger teens. Remem-

FASCINATING FACTS!

By Luke

Have you ever wondered where the terms "old bottles" & "new bottles" originated? Well, they come from a time when Jesus was eating with the publicans & sinners to the horror of the Pharisees. The occasion is related in Matthew 9, & verse 17 says, "Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, & the wine runneth out & the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, & both are preserved."

The bottles Jesus was referring to here were not the common glass bottles of today, but they were wineskins made from leather. When these wineskins were new, they could stretch. The bottles had to expand as the new wine that had been freshly made continued fermenting & giving off gas. However in time, the leather hardened & was no longer pliable & stretchable. This was fine if the wine, too, had stopped fermenting. But all the people knew that these old

wineskins would no longer be able to be used for new wine, as the gas coming off in the fermenting would cause the "old bottles" to split at the seams!

The Pharisees were the old bottles, hardened in their self-righteousness & no longer able to receive any of God's fresh new Word & ways, but the publicans & sinners hungered for Salvation & the Truth & "heard him gladly." As Grandpa asks, "Are you an old bottle or a new bottle? Well, it all depends on whether you can hold the new wine or not!" (ML 242:56) Can you?



ber, different movies affect people differently, so do consider your teen audience as individuals when choosing videos for them.

There are a variety of topics & lessons to choose from here, & we hope this list will make the choice of what edifying videos our Family teens see a much easier one to make.

Please bear in mind that these movies are all **System** & although they do contain good messages, no one System movie is "perfectly all right" just because it's recommended. These movies may be the first look -into the "awful truth" of the System for teens & pre-teens & will need prayerful explaining so that good lessons & morals are drawn from each one. Never fail to "choose the good & eschew the evil" in any video viewing & use God's Word as your standard, the "Word of Truth"!

A = For adult viewing

T = For teens 12 & over

OC = For older children & pre-teens 9-12 & teens

AMAZING GRACE & CHUCK Jamie Lee Curtis, Gregory Peck

A,T,OC...2+...An American pre-teen gives up little league baseball in order to protest against nuclear weapons. Good lessons on conviction & teamwork. (Also called "The Silent Voice".)

AMERICAN CAESAR Documentary
A,T...1...Excellent documentary series by John Huston on the life of General Douglas MacArthur, see ML 2201.

AMY & THE ANGEL

A,T,OC...1...A teenage girl who thinks others don't like her learns to see that certain people need & depend on her & wouldn't be what they are without her love for them. Only about an hour long.

ANGEL ON MY SHOULDER Barbara Hershey, Peter Straus

A,T,OC...1...A young man makes a deal with the Devil which eventually turns him from his bad ways. "A good movie with a good moral. A good ending, just the way I wanted it to end."—D. Needs lots of explaining to children.

ANNIE Aileen Quinn, Carol Burnett

A,T,OC...2...Colourful musical with sweet message, about orphan girl who transforms the life of a gruff tycoon. Orphanage overseer is vulgar, but it helps our kids appreciate the Family's love & care!

APPLE, THE Menahem Golan, Allan Love.
A,T,OC...1...Excellent movie showing a parallel to the Antichrist. Tremendous ending! Good for older mature children if explained. Lots of rock music.

AUTOMAN Dezi Arnez Jr.

A,T,OC...2...Comical TV series about an Angel who comes in the form of a computerised hologram image. Lots of vice etc., but good always triumphs.

BABY BOOM Diane Keaton

A,T...1...Young professional in corporate jungle finds true happiness & fulfilment in a child who has been left to her by relatives who died.

BELLS OF ST.MARY Bing Crosby, Ingrid Bergman

A,T,OC...1...Old movie about lessons of love, faith & teamwork between a parish priest & a nun who runs a parochial school. Uplifting.

BEN HUR Charlton Heston

A,T,OC...1...Historic drama at the time of Christ. About 3 hrs. long. Chariot race accident is gory. Happy ending. Be sure to supervise viewing for older children. Excellent movie for adults & teens.

BEST LITTLE WHOREHOUSE IN TEXAS Dolly Parton, Burt Reynolds

A,T...2...Hilarious sexy musical about the closing of a famous brothel in Texas. It even has a witness! Very strong language & cursing, but cute, sexy movie.

BETWEEN TWO WORLDS John Garfield, E. Parker

A,T...1...Excellent life-after-death story, & the transition to the next World. Good character studies & good ending.

BLACK STALLION Mickey Rooney

A,T,OC...2...Drama of a boy who befriends a wild stallion & trains to become a jockey at the races. Be careful of one fire & one snake scene for children.

BLUE LAGOON Brooke Shields

A,T,OC...1...About children who are stranded on a remote island & learn to love as they grow up.

BRONCO BILLY Clint Eastwood, Sondra Locke

A,T...2...Sweet comedy drama about modern day circus cowboy & how he helps those around him. Lessons on selfishness, System life & brotherhood.

BROTHER SUN Alec Guinness, Graham Faulkner

A,T,OC...1...Zeferelli's beautiful, inspiring film about the life of St. Francis. See ML 225.

BUTTERFLIES ARE FREE Goldie Hawn
A, T...2...Good comedy drama about a hippie girl who falls in love with a young blind boy.

CAPTAINS COURAGEOUS Carl Malden

A,T,OC...1...Spoiled rich boy falls overboard at sea & is rescued by fishermen who teach him many lessons on leadership in the school of hard knocks! Very good movie.

CHARIOTS OF FIRE Ben Cross, John Gielgud

A,T,OC...1...Inspiring true story about two British athletes, one Christian & one Jewish, who compete in the 1924 Olympics. "A lot of Jewish propaganda in it, but also a clear Christian testimony."—D. ML 1254:38.

CHARLES & DIANA David Robb, Caroline Bliss

A,T,OC...1...Story of English Royal Family romance. Lady Diana collaborated on the script & her cousin plays Diana in this version.

CHILDREN NOBODY WANTED, THE Richard Michaels, Michelle Pfeiffer

A,T,OC...1...True life story of Tom Butterfield, a young man who takes in wayward children. Touching happy ending. Be careful of beginning insane asylum scene & one rape incident.

CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD William Hurt, Marlee Martin

A,T...1...Excellent drama about a teacher of the deaf who falls in love with a deaf girl. Intense, for mature teens.

CHRISTMAS EVE Loretta Young, Trevor Howard

All...1...Touching story of a wealthy older woman who has Don Quixote faith in helping the poor & restoring her family's unity.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

A,T,OC...2...Mini-series about Christopher Columbus. Good, but apparently the last tape might be worth skipping, as it gets a little depressing.

COAL MINER'S DAUGHTER Sissy Spacek

A,T...2...True life story of Loretta Lynn, country singer.

DAMIEN, THE LEPER PRIEST Ken Howard

A,T,OC...1...True story of a dedicated pioneer priest on a leper's island. Very good & not gory.

DEAD MAN'S CURVE Richard Hatch
A,T...2...Film about the '60's pop duo, Jan & Dean, how Jan was crippled at the height of his career. Moving character study about humbling of a pop star.

DESIREE Marlon Brando, Jean Simmons
A,T...1...Historical drama about Napoleon & his mistress. Good lessons for FFers.

DREAMHOUSE John Schneider
A,T,OC...2...A simple, persevering young man determines to build his own house in N.Y. slums to win his girl. Insight into city street life, business world & hard knocks. Happy ending. Rough language at time.

ELVIS Kurt Russell

A,T...2...Life story of Elvis Presley.

FAR COUNTRY Michael York

A,T...1...A Czech doctor hides his wartime Nazi involvement to start a new life in Australia. Sweet love story & good lessons on honesty & fighting for your convictions.

FARMER'S DAUGHTER, THE Loretta Young

A,T,OC...2...Young headstrong Swedish girl who fights for Congressional seat against the man she loves. Light comedy. Good lessons on conviction & fighting.

FAST FORWARD Monique Cintron

A,T,OC...2...Teen dance troupe moves to N.Y. City & faces competition, city youth, etc.—The Worldly & "punk" life must be explained with wisdom, about good & evil. Good lessons, depending on the teen audience.

FINDER OF LOST LOVES Tony Franciosa, Deborah Adair

A,T,OC...1...TV series about a millionaire, whose wife has died, who starts a business to help others find the loves they have lost. Relaxing viewing with good lessons.

FIRESTARTER, THE David Keith, George C. Scott

A,T...1...Excellent sci-fi about a father & daughter with extraordinary powers, much like we will have in the Endtime. Intense! Only for mature teens, but a must for adults.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE Jaclyn Smith, Timothy Dalton

A,T,OC...1...Beautiful true-life drama & love story. Good sample of dedication & pioneering! A bit gory in parts, for mature OC.

FRIENDS Luis Gilbert, Shawn Berry,

A,T,OC...1...Sweet love story about rich delinquent boy & poor French girl who run off to the countryside & start living together

& have a baby. Good for teens. (The NIVL version ~~deletes~~ the poor ending done by the System!)

GIFT OF LOVE, THE Marie Osmond, Timothy Bottoms

All...2...Story of a poor immigrant & spoiled rich girl who fall in love despite being from different backgrounds, & who learn lessons from the difficulties they face. Interesting twist ending results from their sacrificial love for each other.

HAIR Beverly d'Angelo, Treat Williams

A,T,OC...1...Movie based on Broadway musical. Historical drama for us! Good education for our children as to what the hippie generation was all about. Lots of music & dancing.

HAREM Omar Sharif

A,T...2...Two part movie. Love & adventure in Turkey at the turn of the century. For mature teens.

HARROD EXPERIMENT, THE James Whitmore

A,T...2...A private college allows co-ed living & sex. Lessons on love & jealousy.

HELEN KELLER, THE MIRACLE CONTINUES Blythe Danner

A,T,OC...1...Excellent sequel to "The Miracle Worker", dramatising the life of Helen Keller as a young adult. It illustrates especially the teacher's dedication & perseverance. Especially interesting for girls.

HELLTOWN Robert Blake, Whitman Mayo

A,T...2...Action-packed TV series about a priest in one of the poorest, roughest sections of town, trying to keep peace with his prayers & his hands! Good lessons, but important to preview first, as some of the episodes should be skipped, as they are quite heavy.

HOOSIERS (also known as "Best Shot") Gene Hackman

A,T,OC...1...A small-town High School basketball coach leads team to victory through teamwork. Very good! True story.

ICE CASTLES Donald Wrye, Colleen Dewhurst

A,T...1...The iceskating career of an Iowa farm girl is interrupted when she is blinded, & story of how she fights back. Lots of cursing but good lessons on shticking.

IN SEARCH OF: HISTORICAL JESUS

A,T,OC...1...Interesting documentary, on the proofs of the Shroud of Turin, with Bible dramatisation.

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE James Stewart

A,T...1...Older version of "It Happened One Christmas". This version long & adult.

JOAN OF ARC Ingrid Bergman

A,T,OC...1...Story of Joan of Arc, teenage heroine, who liberated France from the English. A little slow.

JOURNEY OF NATTY GANN, THE Ray Wise

A,T,OC...1...Adventure story of a girl's journey to find her father in Depression Days.

KEYS TO THE KINGDOM Gregory Peck

A,T,OC...1...3-hour-long story of a Catholic priest as a pioneer missionary in China. Good insight into the difference in church system & real pioneers.

LADY JANE John Wood

A,T...1...Historical drama of teenager who was Queen of England for 9 days. Good example of teen dedication. "A story of strong youthful faith!"—D.

LAST DAYS OF POMPEII, THE Olivia Hussey, Sir Lawrence Olivier, Brian Blessed

A,T,OC...1...Excellent mini-series with several intertwined stories of Romans, Christians, gladiators, courtesans & false religions. Beautiful witness by persecuted Christians. Good lessons & message. For mature OC.

LION, WITCH & THE WARDROBE, THE

A,T,OC...1...Beautiful animated story which in parable form depicts the sacrifice Jesus made for us. "Story of Gospel told in a fairy tale."—D. Not for young children. Lessons on the murmurer's & backslider's fate.

LITTLEST REBEL, THE Shirley Temple

All...2+...Story of a little girl whose father was a leader in the Confederate Army. He was trying to escape from Union troops & she helped her father by winning the hearts of her captors. Very exciting & touching, & good lessons on winning others with love.

LITTLE WOMEN Elizabeth Taylor, Peter Lawford

A,T,OC...-1...Life in a small town during the American Civil War. Lessons on family struggle, unity & love between four teen sisters.

LOST HORIZON Peter Finch, Liv Ullman, Olivia Hussey

All...1...Musical film adaptation of story of lost travellers who find Shangri-la. Very good. See ML 228.

LOVE IS NEVER SILENT Mare Winningham

A,T...1...Moving, but intense drama of a daughter who cares for her deaf & dumb parents as she grows up.

MAID TO ORDER Beverly D'Angelo

A,T...2...Comedy where the father of a rich juvenile delinquent girl wishes she had never been born, so she loses her privileged place. Forced to work as a maid for zany entertainers, she learns lots of lessons. Funny, not real deep, but good lessons.

MAN FROM SNOWY RIVER Kirk Douglas, Tom Burlinson

A,T,OC...1...Excellent drama about a boy coming of age in Australia in the last century. Good love story & lessons for teens & pre-teens.

MARVA COLLINS STORY, THE Cicely Tyson

A,T,OC...1...Good true life story about a disillusioned Negro school teacher who pioneers with problem students a sample school with best results! Good for teachers! Good sample of fighting the System.

MATTER OF LIFE & DEATH, A David Niven

A,T...1...Inspiring movie about a WW 2 pilot who dies before his time & his struggle in the courts of Heaven to go back to the girl he loves. Also called "STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN".

MIRACLE OF THE HEART Art Carney

A,T,OC...1...Moving drama of a teen terror's change through love & discipline at Boystown Reformatory. Good lessons for teens.

MOUNTBATTEN, THE LAST VICEROY Nicol Williamson

A,T...1...Excellent mini-series about Lord Louis Mountbatten, who presided over India's independence. Excellent history of independence period in modern-day India. Best for older teens. Some very gory parts.

MR. DEEDS GOES TO TOWN Gary Cooper

A,T...1...Likeable country poet inherits his uncle's millions & moves to town. Anti-System message.

MY MOTHER'S SECRET LIFE Loni Anderson

A,T...2...Teen girl visits her working mother & discovers she's a prostitute. A look into professional ES'ing. Needs explaining for teens.

NADIA Alan Cooke, Talia Balsam
A,T,OC...1...True story of Romanian teen gold medal winner at Olympic gymnastics, her lessons & trials to persevere. The System habits need to be explained.

NATURAL, THE Robert Redford, Robert Duvall

A,T...2...A boy from a rural area who is on his way to big league baseball when he is almost killed, & the story of his comeback years later & his battles with his past being exposed. Good character lessons.

NIGHT CROSSING John Hurt, Beau Bridges

A,T,OC...1...True story of East German family that escapes via home-made hot air balloon. Lots of good lessons on security & persecution. Sobering & intense. Needs explaining to children.

OKLAHOMA Gordon Macrae, Rod Steiger

A,T...2...Musical & drama about life on U.S. farm. Some deeper parts makes this not too suitable for children. D. "Fun!"

ORPHAN TRAIN William Graham, Jill Eikenberry

A,T,OC...1...Inspiring, true, uplifting story of some New York orphans of the 19th century & their trek across America to find new homes.

OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN, THE Beau Bridges & Marilyn Hasset (Part 1). Timothy Bottoms & Marilyn Hasset (Part 2).

A,T...2...True drama & love story, about a paralysed Olympic class skier.

PARENT TRAP, THE Hayley Mills, Brian Keith

A,T,OC...2...14-year-old identical twins meet at summer camp & decide to switch roles to get their parents back together. Lots of pranks & System behaviour, but fun & good lessons. Possibly suitable to ages six & over if pranks are fast-forwarded.

PATRICIA NEAL STORY, THE Glenda Jackson, Dirk Bogard

A,T...2...The interesting account of actress Patricia Neal's astonishing recovery from three strokes. Good lessons on fighting & positiveness.

PEGGY SUE GOT MARRIED Kathleen Turner

A,T...2...Good cute sci-fi about a married woman who goes back in time to try to change her life.

PETER & PAUL Anthony Hopkins, Robert Foxworth

A,T,OC...1...Excellent, superlative Biblical drama of the life of Peter & Paul after Jesus died. "Anti-church! Human, realistic, believable! Follows the Scripture! A thrill, because it preached the Gospel & doctrine the way I like to hear it preached!"—D. OK for kids 6 & over.

PETER THE GREAT Omar Sharif, Jan Niklas, Vanessa Redgrave

A,T...1...Four part mini-series about Peter the Great of Russia. A little gory in parts, but excellent history. Needs explaining. Just first two parts of series are good for teens.

PROMISE, THE Gilbert Gates, Kathleen Quinlan

A,T...2...Very good drama of a young woman who is seriously hurt in a car accident & forced to leave her fiance. Good lesson of love with a happy ending.

ROMAN HOLIDAY Audrey Hepburn, Gregory Peck

A,T,OC...1...Delightful comedy about a newspaper man who meets & falls for a lonely princess in Rome. Cute!

ROMANCE ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS Cheryl Ladd

A,T...1...Good love story with good character lessons on a teen love affair that never ended.

SAM'S SON Michael Landon, Eli Wallach

A,T,OC...1...True story about Michael Landon growing up, modelling himself after Samson of the Bible & his father's helpful influence. One gay-bar scene to skip for OC.

SAVAGE IS LOOSED George C. Scott

A,T,OC...1...A couple, shipwrecked on a desert island with their son, learn to give love to him. Heartbreaking, but happy ending.

SECRET GARDEN, THE Gennie James

A,T...1...English classic in which spoiled, bratty rich girl is sent to a gloomy manor filled with mysterious sounds & secrets. Finding a hidden garden, her life begins to change. Some spooky parts, with very happy ending. Beautiful lessons on love, unselfishness, perseverance & faith.

SECRET WEAPONS James Franciscus, Sally Fields

A,T...2...A good spy story of young Russian FFers.

SEVEN ALONE Dewey Martin, Aldo Rey

A,T,OC...1...Crisis-filled journey of six younger brothers & sisters led by a 13-year-old boy across the wilds of the U.S. in 1840's

after parents die.

SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS Jane Powell, Howard Keel

A,T,OC...2+... Musical tells how seven brothers, after learning lessons of love & consideration, win their brides. Country music with lots of dancing.

SEVEN NIGHTS IN JAPAN Michael York

A,T,OC...2...Sweet love story of a modern-day British prince who falls in love with a Japanese girl. Set in Japan. Good lessons on putting duty before personal desire. Shows lots about Japan.

SIDE BY SIDE Marie Osmond

All...1...True story of the Osmond family. Quite good & inspiring. Good lessons for performing children.

SINGING NUN, THE Debbie Reynolds, Ricardo Montalban

A,T,OC...1..."Sweet Christian story of a nun who became world-famous by singing her praises to God in folk songs. A true story!"—D. See S.O.O.C. 94:14

SKYWARD Bette Davis

A,T,OC...2...Crippled teen girl confined to wheelchair learns to fly a plane. Lessons in perseverance & overcoming.

SOMETHING FOR JOEY Marc Singer, Jel Lynas

A,T,OC...1...True story of Heisman trophy winner, John Cappelletti, & his younger brother, Joey, stricken with leukemia. Sensitive tear-jerker.

SOMEWHERE IN TIME Christopher Reeve, Jane Seymour

A,T...1...Time travel in search of love & finding that love is forever in the World to come. Excellent!

SOMEWHERE TOMORROW Sarah Jessica Parker, Tom Shea

A,T,OC...1...Excellent! A good ghost story with excellent lessons, for teens especially!

SONG OF NORWAY Florence Henderson, Edward G. Robinson

All...1...True life story of Grieg, the Norwegian composer. Beautiful music & scenery. Good for children.

SOPHIA LOREN—HER OWN STORY Sophia Loren

A,T...2...Interesting biography about the movie actress, in which she plays herself.

SPACE CAMP Kate Capshaw, Tom Skerritt

A,T,OC...1...Exciting movie about teens who learn to pilot a space shuttle. Good lessons on teamwork, unity & obedience.

SPLENDOR IN THE GRASS Natalie Wood, Warren Beatty

A,T...2...Intense story of romance of teen couple in Depression days, ended by their parents. Shows System teens' trials, frustrations & social life. For mature, older teens. Needs careful explaining.

STARCROSSED Belinda Bauer, James Spader

A,T,OC...1...Story of a girl who flees her planet & comes to Earth. Love story included.

STARMAN, THE RETURN Robert Hays, C.B. Barnes

A,T,OC...1...Sequel to the movie "Starman". Starman returns 14 years later to find his teenage son. Good morals, enjoyable. Pilot for a TV series. (TV series is good viewing also.)

STORY OF DAVID, THE Timothy Bottoms

A,T,OC...2...Interesting film portrayal of the story of David starting when he was a shepherd boy. Fairly close to Scriptures. Part 2 is not so good.

STRATTON STORY James Stewart

A,T,OC...1...Based on true story of professional baseball player, Monty Stratton, who learns to overcome a handicap. Light, enjoyable.

SUMMER OF '42 Gary Grimes, Jennifer O'Neal

A,T...2...Touching love story. Lovely nostalgic film about 15-year-old's first sexual experience with an older woman in 1942. Needs explaining.

SYLVESTER Richard Farnsworth

A,T...2...Exciting story of a determined, independent, tough, cowgirl teenager who trains her horse to ride in competition. Lots of cursing, but good lessons.

TALE OF TWO CITIES Chris Sarandon

A,T...1...Beautiful, unforgettable message of sacrificial love, set in French Revolution. Could be draggy for younger teens, but very interesting, historical & edifying about real love. Older version good also, possibly for mature OC.

THIRD MAN ON THE MOUNTAIN James MacArthur

All...1...Good older Walt Disney movie. Good lessons a teen "mountain man" learns on submission & sacrifice. Good for all ages but needs explaining for children.

TIME EXPRESS, THE Vincent Price, Coral Browne

A,T,OC...2...TV series about a train that picks up people in the present & can take them back in time to make things right in their life, before returning with good lessons learned. Tickets sent out by the "Head of the Line"—God! Only one episode has been seen, so preview.

TO SIR WITH LOVE Sidney Poitier

A,T,OC...1...Excellent teen lessons. A black high school teacher in England tames a class of slum teens with love & discipline. Good for teachers & students.

TREASURE OF THE SNOW

A,T,OC...1...Good lessons on the bad fruits of some children's unforgiving, hateful attitudes & selfishness. Some bad behaviour but beautiful Swiss scenery, & good message.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY Documentary

A,T...2...About the influence of the Beatles on music & culture of the 60's & 70's. Interesting.

ULTIMATE TRIP

All...1...Family History! A U.S. TV documentary of our early days & Colonies! (On video circuit)

USERS, THE Jaclyn Smith, T. Curtis

A,T...1...D. "Our FFers ought to see that movie! A beautiful job of FFing! A blast at the hypocrisy & insincerity of Hollywood! A little call girl makes it in Hollywood & out-smarts the Users! Jaclyn Smith is a good Baptist Christian! A beautiful picture!"

WAR GAMES Matthew Broderic

A,T,OC...1...Good drama, comedy with interesting message. A teenager & his computer are able to crack the U.S. Defense Computer, threatening to trigger WW 3. "I thought it was terrific!"—D. See ML 1657:32-36.

WILDERNESS FAMILY, THE--PART 2 Robert Logan, Susan Damante

A,T,OC...2...Sequel to "Adventures of the Wilderness Family".

WHO WILL LOVE MY CHILDREN? Ann-Margret

A,T...1...Deep & moving true story of mother of ten whose husband is alcoholic, & who finds new parents for all her children when she discovers she will soon die of cancer. Beautiful example of real love & forsaking all unselfishly.

YENTL Barbara Streisand

A,T,OC...1...Deals with a Jewish girl in Russia at the beginning of this century who

wants to have an education. D.: "Very moving. I really have a burden for Barbara Streisand. I've been praying for her."

YOUNG AGAIN Robert Ulrich

A,T...2...Single businessman gets a second chance to relive his teen years. Love story & expose on System social life.

YOUNG BESS Jean Simmons, Charles Laughton

A,T,OC...1...On the life of young Queen Elizabeth I, a single-minded fighter & woman leader. More interesting for girls.

YOURS, MINE & OURS Henry Fonda, Lucille Ball

A,T,OC...2...True story of how a widow & widower with a total of 12 children marry.

VIDEOS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR TEENS & PRE-TEENS:

FLIGHT OF NAVIGATOR, THE—Dumb sci-fi monsters ruin the movie.

MISCHIEF—Behaviour by teens is shown as violent, delinquent, acceptable & cool. Wrong message!

HEAVENLY KID—same as previous film.

SAMSON & DELILAH (Modern version, 1984) Max Von Sydow, Victor Mature

3...Unscriptural, with Delilah as heroine.

KARATE KID 1 & 2 Ralph Macchio, Martin Kore

3...Bad, glorifies violence & the ugly American spirit.

(Ed. Note:) Excellent & edifying especially for teens are Bible classics, i.e.: "Ten Commandments", "King of Kings", "The Robe", "Jesus of Nazareth", "The Bible", "Gospel of Mark" etc. which, when shown as a class provide helpful lessons & feeding Word time!

FASCINATING FACTS!

By Luke

We all know from the Bible about the ancient World Empire called Assyria. But did you know that in times past sceptics had confidently proclaimed that this former civilization & its ancient capital of Nineveh—which Jonah said was an exceeding great city of three days' journey (it took three days to travel across it)—never existed?

No traces of this empire had been found & the ancient writings failed to tell of it, so unbelievers used this to back their claims that the Bible was a "collection of fables." However, their claims backfired on them, as when the ruins of Nineveh were discovered, it not only proved the existence of that great & wicked city, but also how the prophecies of its destruction were remarkably fulfilled!

After having repented at the warnings of Jonah, Nineveh soon was back to its wicked ways & the Lord sent Nahum to deliver His final message of doom & destruction.

Greater Nineveh was about 30 miles long & ten miles wide. It was protected by five walls & three moats or canals. The inner city of Nineveh proper was about three miles long & one & a half miles wide & was built at the junction of the Tigris & Khoser rivers. Its massive walls, 100 feet high & broad enough at the top to hold four chariots driven abreast, were eight miles in circuit around the inner city.

Within 20 years of Nahum's prophesying, an army of Babylonians & Medes led by Nebuchadnezzar's father, Nabopolassar, besieged the city (around 607 B.C.). After two years, a

sudden rise of the river washed away part of the walls & the Babylonians & Medes swept in.—Nah.3:2-3. Nahum had predicted that "the gates of the rivers shall be opened, & the palaces shall be dissolved."—Nah.2:6.

So complete was its destruction that even its site was soon forgotten as Nahum had predicted! "Nineveh is laid waste & who will bemoan her."—Nah.3:7. When Alexander the Great fought the famous battle of Arbela less than 300 years later (331 B.C.) only a few miles from the site of Nineveh, he was not even aware that a city had existed there!

There it was to remain forgotten till 1845 when the series of mounds that were left were positively identified as covering the ruins of Nineveh. The hundreds of thousands of inscriptions unearthed in the archeological expeditions that followed related the history of Assyria as the Assyrians wrote it & consistently confirm the Biblical account! "Forever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in Heaven!" (Psa.119:89)—The Truth of God's Word prevails through the ages! PTL!

