

it costs to feed us, foot the bills & buy just things we need. I haven't gone to a store for two years! I haven't bought myself a damn thing that I know of. We don't just go around buying ourselves new clothes.

15. I don't like to have anything to do with money. Personally, I never had much money to worry about &, as Maria knows, that's not my besetting sin, any desire for money.

16. I never wanted any money, never had any, never cared a damn about it! I was thankful if I had a place to stay & something to eat. And the fact that God has given us any & entrusted us with any is only a miracle of God & apparently because I don't like it, & don't want it & I'm not covetous of it.

17. So you have tossed the ball in my court? Well, I'm going to toss it back to you. If you're going to keep the tithes, which are necessary to both keep me & to keep the Family in business, then I just want you to explain to me what I am going to do & what World Services is going to do!

18. Well, you say, let's just eliminate World Services entirely & then they won't need any tithes. Well, if you can figure out a way to make it any smaller than I have then I'm all for it. Maybe you can eliminate me too & you won't need to send in any tithes. But I wonder what you'll do for MO Letters & your own support?—Kind of like the guy who killed the goose that laid the golden eggs. Remember that story?

19. He got a little impatient waiting on just one golden egg a day, & decided to kill the goose & get them all at once. You know what happened, don't you? He found he killed the gold factory, because when he split the goose open there was just one egg, & that was the last one, that was the end.

20. Now if you want, you can kill the organisation which we have, & which was not built for the egg to begin with, but if you want to kill the goose in order to get the last egg, then where are the rest of your eggs going to come from?

21. If you're ready to dump me, praise God, I'm ready to go. That will save me a lot of work because I won't have to worry about you any more either, & you're a helluva lot bigger worry than I ever had before in my whole life. When I never had anybody but myself & my own little family, we lived on almost

nothing, travelling around in a camper.

22. But now I've got you on my hands, a much bigger Family & a helluva lot more responsibility which requires a lot more finances, a lot more figuring how to make it work & stay alive & help you stay with your heads above water.

23. I'll tell you right now, I never asked for this job in the first place, never wanted it, & certainly didn't want it for the money, that's the last thing! I never wanted to be loaded with such responsibility.

24. You remind me of the Prodigal Son.—He thought he ought to have his share too, right away quick. So he insisted on it, it was his, & he got it. All right, where did he get it?

25. Why hadn't the Father given it to him beforehand? What was that portion? It was a part of the farm. It was a part of the total investment. It was literally a part of the business & he demanded his share of the investment.

26. He didn't give a damn about how the Father or the Brother got along, or Mom either, after he was gone, whether they made it or not; he wanted what was coming to him. "That's mine and I want it, give it to me, I deserve it. It's supposed to be mine and I'm going to take it and do as I please with it. I'm going to get the benefit of it." So he did, & what came of it?

27. By the time he got done with it there wasn't anything left, & if it hadn't been for his wise Father & smarter Older Brother who stayed home & worked & kept things going & managed to survive the loss, he could have damned well stayed out there stuck in the mud with his God-damned hogs & died there!—Because he wouldn't have had any home to go back to. There wouldn't have been any home, nor any loving Father or Elder Brother to take care of him when he went broke.

28. We have had to rescue many Homes out of a jam when they couldn't make it & asked us for money, & we sent it to help them. But if you want to destroy the house, sell the home & throw away the roof & chop up the farm so that when the emergency comes there's not going to be any help & the Homes will have nobody to look to & nowhere to go & nowhere to get help from, well, it's your farm & that's what you can do if you want to, if you want to be that foolish.