

tion should be to obey Him & your superior officers without question, without even thinking whether they're right or wrong, because,

13. **The right thing is to obey!** Do you understand? Really? TYL! (Toasts:) Here's to instant obedience to the Lord without hesitation!

14. **It takes faith to obey your officers.** You have to believe that they know what they're doing even if you don't understand, but you obey. I believe the Lord, in a sense, permitted or created or allowed the military to be a real example of what God expects of His Army: Total absolute unquestioning loyalty!—Total absolute unquestioning obedience & faithfulness, even if sometimes they're wrong!

15. **In a way I never particularly liked that saying, "My Family! My Family!—Right or wrong, my Family!"** One of our early leaders applied it to our Family. But when applied to God-ordained leadership, it's true!

16. **Now, what is the responsibility of the officer besides obedience?** I believe sometimes if the officer has a question or feels a doubt about executing the order, then it is his responsibility to voice it.

17. **"Well now wait, what about so-&-so?"** Now I think maybe we should do so-&-so. Don't you think maybe so-&-so?"—It's a form of witnessing, of warning the wicked of his wicked way, if you think it's wrong.

18. **I think if you have the least question about an executive order, that you should mention it.** If you have any compunction about it, any doubt about it, if it just doesn't seem right to you, you ought to mention it, you should discuss it, until you come to complete integral agreement if possible.

19. **Now, some suggestions you make to me, I'm not too sure of,** but if you have strong convictions about it & leadership is wise, they will be willing to try & test it. I must be willing to say, "Well, I don't know, maybe you're right, maybe you're wrong. We'll see."

20. **I might even say, "Well, I doubt it, but let's try it & see."** The only way we're going to know is by putting it into effect & trying it. That's the acid test. If you desire to govern, you

must give the people what they need, amen? PTL? TYL!

21. **But on the other hand, if I've gotten something directly & specifically from the Lord on the matter,** it is my duty to obey that & not be dissuaded or stopped by others' doubts or questions. (Maria: So what is the responsibility of the officer who questions something?) It is only to question it & to mention it & to say it.

22. **But if this does not change the mind of your superior, then you have to carry it out whether you like it or believe it or not!** God says, "Obey them which have the rule over you in the Lord for they are responsible for your souls"—even if they're wrong!—Heb. 13:17.

23. (Maria: **But if you are persuaded that your superior is wrong,** are you ever obligated to report to an even higher authority?) Well, if there is a higher authority to make an appeal to, yes, of course.—If there is a higher authority to whom you can appeal & bring your question & say, "I don't think this is right that they're telling me to do". If you can go to a higher authority, then that's different.

24. **However, you're usually risking your job,** you're laying your life on the line when you do that, because you know that if you question your superior officer & appeal to a higher authority, you know your own boss may fire you!

25. **Lord, Thou art able to solve all of these problems, & all of these things are in Thy hands.** (Prophecy:) "Thou dost not have to see nor understand all things, neither dost thou have to know the mind of thy father nor to understand all the Words of David, for all of these things which I have ordained are already in My hands & are finished." Hallelujah! TYJ! Amen, isn't that beautiful?

26. **You don't have to worry about anything, all you have to do is obey!** Just do what the Lord tells you to do & what I tell you to do, amen? In Jesus' Name. (Toasts:) To obedience!—Thank the Lord? "To obey is better than sacrifice, & to hearken than the fat of rams: For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, & stubbornness is as iniquity & idolatry." Amen? "To obey is better than sacrifice, & to hearken than the fat of rams!"—1Sam. 15:22,23.