

den to drink, because it was through drink that he had some of his most severe problems.

27. He's a very precious vessel of the Lord and obviously has a very precious gift and talent from the Lord that has for years manifested itself even since his childhood, which shows it was a gift, for "every good and perfect gift cometh down from above" (Jam.1:17), and therefore he just needs extra special care and handling and lots of TLC, Tender Loving Care and patience & guidance & to be kept under very strong positive spiritual influence & a firm disciplinary hand that won't put up with any foolishness but will still be patient & realise that he's almost retarded and needs to be treated almost like a child or a teenager.

28. He apparently never got out of that very difficult & hard-to-discipline teenage stage, due to his problems & mental difficulties & all. He never seemed to outgrow it, & only the Lord has been able to help him overcome it.

29. He really needs to stay close to the Lord & the Lord's people & in the Word & to really resist & rebuke the Devil when he tries to come in like a flood, & ask the Spirit of God to raise a standard against him!—Isa.59:19. Resist him so he'll flee from him (Jam.4:7) when he has those temptations to be irritable & out of sorts & ugly & say & do ugly things. He sort of unfolds like a little flower to a dear motherly sympathetic soul & that's the kind of personal attention & nurturing that he really thrives on, & he really eats it up & seems to need it & he really needs to be loved.

30. He's not always very lovable, as some of his girls have found out. He can be real mean & cantankerous & even cruel & has been known to even abuse them when he's angry, but he needs to resist that evil spirit & just give no place to the Devil!—Eph.4:27. That's a good Scripture because that shows you can sometimes give the Devil place & room to operate & get in without necessarily being taken over, completely taken over or possessed. You can just give him so much territory. But believe you me, he'll sure use it, whatever he can get ahold of, including his tongue & his sharp critical spirit & violent abuse of others etc.!

31. He needs to keep very very humble & try extra hard

to be sweet, because he's not seemingly naturally very sweet to others & that's been his main problem, his being unable to get along with other people, & he admits it. That's why he's really got to work on it. If he's going to be of any use to the Lord & if his talent is going to be used, he's got to be completely yielded to the Lord & not keep letting the Devil in to influence him & his talent & his behaviour. He's got to do his best to behave himself & be on his best behaviour to try to be a good boy, so he doesn't let the Devil in & throw him & lead him astray. We'll just have to try to use a lot of love & patience & give him a chance & wait & see & hope that he makes it & can be used for the Lord along with his talent. He has been for years & I don't see why he couldn't be again. So praise the Lord! TYJ! Jesus never fails! —If he'll give Him a chance!

32. His co-workers have just got to recognise that he's handicapped & retarded spiritually, an immature babe, & they need to treat him as such, be very patient & loving & very teaching & with firm discipline.—But nevertheless not let him get away with anything without reprimand & correction.

33. So they're just going to sort of have to take him where he's at, as a great big baby, & they're just going to have to baby him & not expect too much of him, but maybe he's growing a little. Maybe with a little more time & tender loving care he'll grow a little, maybe even grow out of it. Meanwhile we'll just have to sort of prune it & dig around it & dung it & give it another year to see if it won't do better & be more fruitful.—Lk.13:8-9.

34. I always found the best way to get along with mental patients was to humour them as much as you could, without letting them go too far. But there always comes a place where you have to call a halt and put a stop to something just like with a little child, and usually if you put your foot down firmly and they know you mean business, then they'll simmer down. But you have to be definite & firm about it & very clear about it, what you will put up with & what you won't stand, set down very clear lines of limitation & requirements of obedience. Warn them in advance what you won't put up with & how far they can go, & tolerate no further, let them know you really mean business and you're going to enforce it, just like you would with a