

KEDA'S PROBLEM!

—Discussion by Dad & Maria

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1. The worst thing about having a leader who is a lesbian is that it's questionable to a lot of people. So many people have doubts about it. So it's not a good testimony or example. (Maria: Well, it's been a lot better since you talked about that & she's really trying to be more moderate & even more womanly. She's trying her best, but it's a surface thing, a fleshly thing, that unless we deal with it with the Spirit, she's never going to get the victory.)

2. (You said a long time ago that it was a spiritual thing. (See No.292:5) She's very willing-spirited, she wants to be what the Lord wants her to be, but I had a strong impression that she's not going to be able to until we help her by praying, getting rid of this spirit. Because when we prayed & really rebuked the spirit of pride & self-righteousness, she was just so changed, it was good! But there must be another spirit there that's related to that.

3. (I don't know if this is right or not, but I was thinking about how you said lesbianism was a perversion. Therefore it's spiritual. Could it be a spirit of rebellion? I mean, that's what came to me. She's rebelled against man's authority, male authority. That's what came to me—I thought, "What spirit is it? We prayed against pride & self-righteousness...") It's sort of a

women's lib thing. She doesn't want to give the men superiority. I think that's one reason for this head-on clash between me & her right now. She hasn't felt like she had to yield to anybody's authority because she was a man.

4. (Maria: She'd take almost anything I'd say, but then she'd obviously have doubts about what you'd say.—Not too obvious or much but it's there. She didn't mean it to be. She's really been fighting anything like that. But when you're spiritually oppressed, it's not you no matter what you try to do. If it's a spirit that's bothering you, you're sort of powerless against it unless you get it taken care of.

5. (I don't know, I hope I'm right. I don't know what this spirit is, but it sort of came that maybe it was some kind of spirit of rebellion.) That's just the Lord! (Maria: Well, I wanted to ask you.) I agree! (Maria: And I thought maybe we should cast the spirit of rebellion out.) Rebellion against authority! What is it that I had to say that she doubted? (Maria: Well as you pointed out in "Why Should I Say More?" (No.1737), it was doubt that you were right. What she said was sort of doubt that you were right to sit there & just enjoy it all the time & dance.

6. (She doesn't want to doubt & perhaps she doesn't even realise it, but if we're going to have her get the victory, we've got to get the whole victory! She's very sweet-spirited, she really is willing & wants to do whatever, but it came to me real strong that we're going to have to deal with that spirit of rebellion too.) The worst thing about the Chain was their downing spirits, their critical spirits! (Maria: How would rebellion be related to pride & self-righteousness? They must be related.) For goodness sake, yes! (Maria: Because if you're proud or self-righteous you're doubting the Lord's & others' rightness, & it leads to rebellion?)

7. This is exactly what Samuel says, you know the verse, (Maria: "For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft & stubbornness is as iniquity & idolatry."—1Sam.15:23) Stubbornness is a result of pride. (Maria: And stubbornness is like rebellion.) Why would anybody be rebellious or stubborn? "I'm right & you're wrong! I'm right & God's wrong! I'm going to do it my way!" (Maria: That's pride, right?—Because they're proud.) Like that song that Sinatra made famous, "I Did It My Way!" It doesn't