

WHAT MISTAKES WERE MADE?

28. Remember those old puzzles where they used to say, "How many things can you find wrong with this picture?" Well, how many things can you find wrong with that picture? (Fam: They were not prepared.) They were not prepared. They hadn't secured their borders. (Fam: The door was unlocked.) He didn't have to worry about the gate, apparently the wall was so low he could jump right over it. He just ran & hopped over it because there was a big mound of grass right there in front of the wall, & obviously the door was unlocked.

29. (Fam: She was by herself.) She was out there by herself, that's another thing! She might have thought, "Well, right out here in the yard, I can just walk around!"—But I understand that their house is right on a main street travelled by thousands of cars & thousands of people all day long, & lots of people without cars who walk by! And she was walking around alone out in the front yard where obviously she was well seen. She walked around long enough that he could see she was alone, & when she walked back, he evidently waited to see if the door was unlocked or if she had to knock to call somebody to the door to unlock it. But it wasn't even a locked door, she just turned the handle & walked in, & he walked right in behind her!

30. What else? (Fam: The money was not hidden away.) The money was not hidden at all. Of course, if they ask you for money at the point of a gun, even if you've got it hidden you're probably going to go find some, but you don't have to give them all of it! That's why you should keep your money scattered around in a lot of different places with a lot of different people! We're not keeping anybody prisoner here—we've seen to it that everybody has a little money.

31. What else did they do or fail to do? (Fam: They didn't witness.)—Didn't witness to him, think of that! In fact, turned around & accused him instead, saying something condemnatory: "Are you stealing?" What a self-righteous thing to say! What else? (Fam: Well, she led him right to the guy that had the money.)—Yes!

"HIS BLOOD SHALL I REQUIRE AT THY HAND!"

32. The Lord says, "If you warn the wicked of his wicked way, but he repents not of his sins & goes on in his wickedness & dies in his wickedness, but you warned him, you've delivered your soul, his blood is not on your hands!" But He says, "If you warn not the wicked of his wicked way, & he dies in his wickedness, his blood will I require at thy hand!"—Eze. 3:17-19. You say, "What does that mean, Dad? It sounds awful!" Well, it may be awful, who knows! Maybe the Lord will let that memory haunt you for the rest of your life!

33. I hope they never forget that guy & I doubt if they ever will! And I hope they especially never forget that they never delivered their soul to him or washed his blood from their hands by giving him the Gospel & showing him a little love & a little concern! They might have asked him, "Would you like a cup of coffee or are you hungry?" or anything else to show him a little concern or something. Of course he was nervous & in a hurry, you can understand why he might not have accepted the cup of coffee, but they could have at least offered! They say his hands were shaking so he might not have been able to hold it. The gun was shaking, poor guy, he was nervous, scared!

34. But they never said a word of love, nothing to him, as far as we now know. We haven't received any other report. I think some people whose conscience is tender enough, if they'd known they were missionaries they wouldn't have robbed them. Or if they had witnessed to them & showed love to them they wouldn't have robbed them!

35. I'll tell you, that was dangerous business! That was one time it was dangerous not to witness! There are times when it's dangerous to witness, but that's one time when they could have maybe touched his heart, & they are going to have his blood on their hands if they didn't say a word to him about the Lord or Salvation!

36. Even if they only had time to say a few words, they could have said a few words about the Lord that could have touched his heart & not only saved the man, but saved the money besides! I think that was probably unnecessarily wasted money! I believe