

if they leave under circumstances that are difficult like that, they feel very condemned, & they often are condemned by others as well. Even if they're not excommunicated, they might wind up being bad-mouthed or spoken against in some way. I don't know exactly how it happens in every case.

22. I just think that this has been the problem in some cases, & has resulted in a lot of people leaving the Family. They felt they couldn't make it living with or under others, so they felt they were on their own & didn't really belong in the Family.—Or sometimes they haven't felt that, but their leadership has, & has labelled them as incorrigible & independent & not deserving of being in the Family.—Which I don't think is the right attitude at all!

23. For God's sake, we don't want people in our Homes who can't get along with other people!—But we do want them in the Family if they sincerely love the Lord & want to preach the Gospel, & they comply with our basic rules. Either let them be the leader & find some people who can live under them, or let'm go off on their own & be the leader of their own little family! For goodness sake, we don't want a lot of squabbling & contention in our Homes, we want to work together to preach the Gospel! So we should almost be thankful when such people leave.—Try to help them! Help them to do the job where they want to be & where they'll be happy! Don't just condemn them for not being able to live under somebody!—After all, maybe the problem is you, & you're impossible to live with!

24. I don't think we should try to force anybody to live together, or condemn them if they can't! Like some of our so-called backsliders: Many of them didn't want to be backsliders, but they just couldn't seem to make it in the Family Home, so they figured where else did they have to go? When they left, they were considered backsliders, but actually, they probably wouldn't have backslidden if our people would have given them their blessing: "OK, you can't make it here, we understand.—So go & start a Home over there & live by yourself & we can fellowship together sometimes! Just keep serving the Lord & tithing & we'll give you the lit!"—And everybody could have been happy.

25. Why should we try to corral everyone & make them feel like they have to live in a combo Home of 20-40 people just to be able to say they're in the Family? Of course, in Europe & North America, a lot of our folks do live in little one-family Homes, little families on their own, so a lot of them are already doing that. But on the mission field, if we have people do that, I think they're often condemned, feeling like something is really wrong with them. Well, I'm sure some of them do have their problems, but if that's what they want to do & they feel like they can serve the Lord better that way, for goodness sakes, they probably can! So let'm serve the Lord better their own way if that's how they feel they can do it! Our Homes are so big anyway, why do we want to crowd 40 people into one Home if somebody wants to live on their own in another Home?!

26. So if they want to leave, let'm! If they're friendly & want to keep preaching the Gospel, winning souls & serving the Lord, but they just don't find themselves compatible with certain personalities, why should we condemn them? God bless them!—Amen?

SENDING PEOPLE BACK TO THEIR HOME FIELDS!

27. Of course, when someone has had some pretty serious problems on the field & they're really not doing very well, their leadership can be perfectly justified in suggesting that they go back to their Home field. But this doesn't necessarily mean that they are excommunicated.

28. Even to send people back to the States doesn't necessarily mean excommunication, unless they're doing something really bad. As usual, each case has to be decided individually. If it's a case where they're breaking rules, they're weak, & they're on a field where things are difficult, perhaps the change of going to an easier field where there would not be so much pressure on them for funds & for everything else will help them to get the victory.

29. There are a lot of problems with languages & finances & all kinds of other difficulties on the field. So if they can go to a Home field where they can still be useful to the Lord, still