

But once they've established all that & the people are sure of their love, then they can start cracking down & really taking care of the problem cases & getting the rotten apples out of the basket.

38. There has been so much mishandling of people in the past, & people have been so hurt & wounded, if our Ambassadors were to just automatically start cracking down on everybody first thing, the people wouldn't have a chance to feel that their leadership really loves them. People misinterpret things sometimes, & in spite of all their problems, they need to see that we really love them, & that we are going to try to have mercy on them. But we can't do that forever if people persist in their waywardness!

39. We just can't let serious problems go on & on.—And our leadership needs to have that conviction in those cases that really deserve & warrant it, to give it to them & get rid of them! And our people need to realise that it's not just because their leaders are tyrants.—It's not their idea, it's in the Letters, & is what needs to be done! Anybody who doesn't live up to the Word, to our basic rules, & thereby endangers or hinders the Work security-wise or otherwise, they really need to be dealt with.

40. Anyone who either slows down & hinders the Work or endangers the security of the Work in any way, Dad has already given us the Word in the Letters to get rid of them. If you'd ask Dad about some of these specific cases of troublemakers, he'd crack down on them immediately! So for our leadership to get tough & to purge out some of these severe problem cases is not because they're tyrants, it's what's necessary & what is going to help save the field! So don't feel overly sorry for some of these poor problem people.

41. What's more important?—To have too much mercy on a few problem people, & possibly lose the field?—Or to rid the rebels & hopefully save the whole Work?—Thus enabling the majority of our people to safely remain on that field so our work of winning souls can continue! Just because we have to sometimes be a little hard on some people, it's far better that we be hard on a few & leave the field open for the many.

## EXCOMMUNICATION MISTAKES!—ROMANS 8:28!

42. Even if our leadership sometimes makes a few mistakes, even if we possibly misjudge the situation in some cases, it's better that we do that & we're sure that we've gotten rid of the real serious problems, even if along with them we might lose a few that maybe aren't that bad a problem. It's better we go to that extreme than going to the other, & leaving too many problems on the field, & as a result losing the entire field or greatly hindering the Lord's Work!

43. We all make mistakes, so maybe somebody will be asked to leave that shouldn't have been, but "all things work together for good".—Rom. 8:28. We certainly trust & hope that our leaders are going to use love in doing it, & we're sure they'll try to use lots of wisdom & prayer, but we can't say they're never going to make any mistakes, that they're never going to accidentally accuse somebody falsely. Hopefully they won't & they're going to try not to, but even if they do, our people need to remember that the Lord doesn't let anything happen that isn't going to work out for good for His children. So if that happens, well, there must be some lessons to be learned in it for those involved.

44. We've had some people who have written us after they've been excommunicated & they've said, "Well, we still don't really see the reason for it, & we don't really believe we were justifiably excommunicated. But we must confess, we see why the Lord allowed it, to teach us lessons that we certainly needed to learn. We had a lot of self-righteousness & pride & criticism."—Which, of course, almost proves that maybe they were at least a borderline case.

45. They've said, "We had problems with these various things & we needed to learn some lessons. We needed to get desperate with the Lord. We needed to not take the Family for granted any more & to see how much we needed the Family, which we never would have realised as clearly if we hadn't been excommunicated! We needed to value the Lord's Word more, & now that we're not getting it, or not getting it in such abundance, we value it more than ever!"

46. If people really love the Lord, there are a lot of good