

lessons to be learned even through excommunication, or through being demoted to babe's status or sent back to the Home field or whatever the case may be! It's not going to make the people who love the Lord & whose hearts are in the right place backslide & become bitter enemies. The Lord will use it for good & not for bad.

47. Even if maybe they were a borderline case, maybe there was a question & maybe they shouldn't have been excommunicated or should not have been sent back.—Maybe the leadership did make a mistake. But the Lord didn't make a mistake, & that's where faith comes in, faith to believe that He has His hand on our lives & won't allow anything to happen that's not somehow within His Will & plan.

48. In other words, we certainly could make such mistakes, but in the Lord's overall general view of things, He doesn't make mistakes, He allows things to happen & promises that all things work together for our good! Sometimes He even uses our mistakes to accomplish His purposes. PTL!

49. So Lord help us all to look not only on the outward appearance in our dealings with others, but to look on the heart, like the Lord does! (1Sam. 16:7)—And better yet, may we always look to the Lord for His wisdom, discernment & Love!—Amen?—Do you? GBY!

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1. If our people would just show a little love & consideration & gratitude, they wouldn't have all these problems that they have had in Japan! It's just negligence, thoughtlessness & not really being grateful & thankful as they should be.—Not really

being loving & kind & considerate like they ought to be!

2. (Maria: Many of those Japanese customs are for some good purpose.)—Customs which they consider part of their culture. It shows what a wonderful culture they have, all of those little customs that are so thoughtful & kind & appreciative. (Maria: And clean too!—Like taking off your shoes before you go into the house.) Yes.

3. Our missionaries just need to be more Christ-like, that's all! What would Jesus do?—He would do His best not to offend the Japanese, & to show appreciation & gratitude & thanksgiving & thoughtfulness & kindness & consideration. These things should just come naturally to Christians, to those who love the Lord & love others!

4. (Maria: If our people were courteous & well-behaved, even if they did unintentionally break some of their host country's rules & traditions, their love & consideration in other areas would more than make up for it, & they'd probably be forgiven for a lot of their mistakes.) Exactly. (Maria: But it seems like so many of them are just so pushy, so impolite.)

5. It's selfishness! That's what it is!—It's selfishness! They just need to have love, that's the whole thing! If they had as much love as they should have, they wouldn't have all these problems. They'd be thoughtful & kind & considerate & courteous & polite & grateful & clean. (Maria: And here they've had experts for years that wanted to teach them all that, a precious King & Queen, actual Family Members who wanted to help them in every way, but they just almost slapped them in the face, refused their help! They've had wonderful, wonderful people to help them.) Amen, God bless them!

6. God bless the dear people who have been willing to put up with our Family members in Japan all these years! It shows the patience of the Japanese. (Maria: Yes, it's a real miracle!)—The kindness & mercy of the Japanese people. PTL!

7. Well, I just want to say that they had better perk up and toe the line and straighten out, or we'd better throw out the ones that don't!—Those who think that they are some kind of smart-aleck know-it-alls who don't have to conform to anybody else's culture! It's one thing to be a rebel for Jesus & a revolu-