

of hypodermic needles unless they absolutely have to!—And if & when they do, make sure they are new, disposable syringes, possibly even purchasing their own from a drug store or pharmacist.

It goes without saying that blood transfusions should be avoided!—And if the doctors tell you that it's a "life or death" necessity to take one, then you'd better count the cost, that it could very well be your life or death by AIDS if you receive some unknown infected person's blood into your body! Besides, to "drink", or take someone else's blood into your body is absolutely unscriptural!—Lev. 7:26.—But in some places like the U.S. it's against Man's laws not to, if the doctor orders it!—So pray!

Oral sex must also be avoided with outsiders, as the AIDS virus can enter the skin & mucous membranes of the mouth, as easily as those of the vagina!—Particularly if there are any slight cuts, scratches, lacerations, sores etc. on your mouth, gums, lips etc.!

If someone has been possibly exposed to AIDS, they should discontinue all sex with others until they are cleared by at least two AIDS tests! To reason, "Well, we can continue making love, because if I have it, the person I share with would already have it also", is absolutely wrong! Just because you happen to make love with someone that has AIDS does not necessarily mean that you've contracted it, as it usually enters the body through slight tears, scratches or abrasions in the skin or tissue. However, the more contact you have, the greater the risk of infection! So to continue to make love with someone when you know you have been exposed to AIDS, & haven't gotten your second test, is putting the one you're with at great risk!—Not to mention anyone else that they share with as well!

So if someone has had direct sexual contact with someone else who turns out to be an AIDS carrier, the least they should do is to immediately get their first test, & then abstain from all sexual activity with anyone—even their mates—for six months from the time of their contact with the carrier, at which time they can get their second test to confirm that they are free from the virus! They should then abstain from all intimate contact with others for an additional 6 months—or a total of one year from

their last contact with the AIDS-infected person.—The reason for this is because recent researchers report that the AIDS virus can remain undetected for up to one year. (See WND 200) This should apply to second & third & fourth parties as well; if someone made love to party A, & party A turns out to get positive results on an AIDS test, then it is imperative that party B immediately get a test & abstain from further sexual contact with anyone for one year, as well as party C & D etc.!—Let's isolate it!

Also, any new disciples who have come from a background of intravenous drug-taking, homosexuality, prostitution etc., should also abstain from having sex for a one-year period! Others, who come from a fairly "safe" background, if they successfully pass an initial AIDS test before moving in & joining the Family, & then pass a second AIDS test 6 months later, can still be allowed to have intimate fellowship with others. "According to your faith be it unto you!"—Mat. 9:29. Even after successfully passing two tests & 6 months' abstinence, you still need to make sure you have the faith before sharing sexually with new disciples!—Pray!

Although we're trying to do all we can to protect the Family from this plague, we cannot rely solely on our precautions, rules, regulations etc.!—Our trust must be in the Lord, & we should all desperately pray for His merciful protection & safekeeping! So let's all obey & do our best to do what we can, & trust the Lord to do what we can't! "Salvation is of the Lord!"—Jonah 2:9.

If anyone does turn out to actually have AIDS, we must isolate them & take the necessary precautions.—But this does not mean that they cannot be miraculously healed by the Lord! "His arm is not shortened that it cannot save!—Is anything too hard for the Lord?"—Isa. 59:1; Gen. 18:14.—No!—He can heal anything!—Even AIDS!

But such a person must continue to be isolated until his or her healing is confirmed by further AIDS tests!—So earnestly seek the Lord & have desperate united prayer & trust Him for a miracle! He's the same yesterday, today & forever!—Heb. 13:8.—So don't leave Him out of the picture! Amen? PTL! GBACY!