

20. He's selfish! He's more concerned about himself & his own problems: "Am I doing well? I'm trying to please!" He shows very little outgoing concern. Some people are not really sincerely concerned about others, they're only really concerned about themselves & what you think about them. He's constantly just talking about himself & his battles, with obviously very little concern about others or what battles they might be going through. (Maria reads Liz's report:)

21. (Maria: Liz says, "I do love Don a whole lot & want to be a good wife to him & a good mother to the children & a good sample to Jill, but my first & foremost love is the Lord & you, & I would do anything for you as I love you so so much & need you & want to be a blessing to you most of all." It sounds pretty good, but we might want to put her to the test.) Yes, that remains to be seen. People really do want to be that way, that's the way they really feel, but when they have to do it, then sometimes it gets a little different. "Let not him that putteth his armour on, boast as him that putteth it off!"—1Kg.20:11. The Lord will soon see if she really means that! Sometimes people really think they mean it & they want to mean it, but when it comes down to the crunch, the real test, well, they can't make it.

22. (Maria: Liz says, "If someone says I have some complaints, I can't really think of anything other than a few little things in the way Don & I communicate, or I should say, in the way we don't communicate sometimes. He may get mad at me for talking about him, because he never wants me to say anything about him, because he says it's nobody's business but his. I disagree & I've told him before that I think he should talk more to people & give his opinions. He is one to keep quiet, even if he disagrees with something or doesn't understand something most of the time." That's hypocritical!)

23. If he would look in the mirror & see himself as others see him, maybe it would wake him up! He's selfish, proud & hypocritical! (Maria: He won't say anything.) And he doesn't want her to tell anybody anything. In other words, he doesn't want to be exposed, & that's the hypocrite. The greatest fear of the hypocrite is exposure! (Maria continues reading Liz's letter:)

24. ("I need someone to help keep me in check & he really

hears from the Lord more than I do, I feel.") At least he's got her convinced of it anyway! (Maria: Yes, he's really got her convinced! She says, "I'm pretty stubborn & hard-headed & can be unloving at times, not because I don't love or have love, but I guess I'm awful proud.") Ha ha! I can just hear him!—The pot calling the kettle black!

25. (Maria: She says, "I know the Lord & you love me very much or I wouldn't be allowed to be here, & I know the Lord knows what He's doing, & I want to be exposed no matter how hard it is! I want to get closer to the Lord & I want to be used of Him no matter what He wants me to do. I'm really happy about what the Lord is teaching me in my marriage to Don & I want to keep trying & keep going for the Lord, & I realise that our relationship is a blessing from the Lord.") He's convinced her of that too.

26. (Maria: He's clever with words! In one sentence she says, "I want to be used of Him no matter what He wants me to do", then she says, "I'm really happy about what the Lord is teaching me in my marriage to Don."—As if he has convinced her that the Lord's highest Will for her is to be married to him! She goes from one statement right into the other! It's like, "Well, I know that's my cross, I know that's my duty in life.") As though, "If it fails, it will be my fault, not his". Or even, "If our marriage is not so good, it's not his fault, it's mine." (Maria: Oh, I think he's very convinced of that!) And I'm sure he's convinced her of that!

27. (Maria reads: "I sure don't want it to hurt anyone though, so I know I need to work even harder to change so I can be a better helpmeet."—As though this was her highest goal in life! Because that is evidently the thing that he's convinced her is the greatest thing she could do for the Lord, is to help him, be a helpmeet!) Well, he certainly needs a lot of help, that's for sure! (Maria continues reading: "I've poured out a lot to Sara & she really understood some of the problems that Don & I have, but I don't feel that it's anything that any marriage doesn't go through.")

28. She's constantly excusing him & blaming herself! She is taking all the blame & accepting all his accusations! (Maria: She says, "I do feel we're getting victories more than we ever