

had a car at all!—Not only the use of it, but God even gave it to you! We gave it to you! That car is a very good brand of car & it can be fixed, no matter how old it is.

44. But that's typical of you Americans, things come so easy & you're so damn wasteful & so spoiled! America just throws away things rather than fix them! I've seen lots of Americans who threw things away just because they didn't want to bother to fix 'm! They just bought a new one because things came so easy, money came so easy. Cars in the States are so cheap, they throw them away by the millions!—Cars that Europeans would work on & fix & keep running for years.

45. Well, you're not in the U.S.A. any more, you're in Europe where things are expensive & hard to come by, even hard to get fixed! And if you think I'm going to throw away the money we sank into buying that car just because you don't like it & you don't want to bother with it & bother to get it fixed, you're mistaken! God's giving you another test, & I think it's coming through that car to test your stewardship & your determination to see things through & to cause you to appreciate things instead of looking a gift horse in the mouth!

46. I must say, your first note on that car rather shocked me when I told you I was giving it to you! I was amazed at how little you appreciated it & how you complained & murmured about it & criticised it & didn't like it, that you would rather have something else. Well, apparently God isn't going to give you anything else, at least right now, until you make that one good. You're stuck with it! It's in your name & you're not even going to be able to throw it away or junk it without some difficulty! And I want to tell you right now, if you do, you are through with us!

47. You broke it, you're going to fix it or get it fixed, or we just can't use you here if you're that wasteful, that destructive, that hard to advise & that hard to warn! The boys warned you not to start it that way, but you went right ahead in your smart-alecky, know-it-all way! You knew better & you went ahead anyhow, so you ruined it, you wrecked it, you broke it! But that's typical of Americans!

48. The U.S. would rather destroy the World than try to

fix it! They're so wasteful that rather than drive their cars less & use less oil & be economical & saving & unselfish & more considerate of the rest of the World, they would rather go to war & destroy the World!—Rather than try to fix it or repair it, especially if it is going to cost them anything!

49. Well, it's going to cost you something, Son, to save that car! We're not going to waste it or the money we put in it. You are going to fix that car if you have to get yourself a diesel manual & work on it yourself! You are going to fix it or you are going to pay to get it fixed yourself with your money!

50. We have never allowed anyone to come into the Family & keep their own money. You know the rules, you are always to put your money in a common pot, into God's Family's hand, & then you're taken care of from there. But we felt that since you had raised it & you'd need it to get yourself vehicles & whatnot, we'd let you keep it. But if you're going to be that poor a steward of God's money, we can't trust you with it any more.

51. So I'm asking Peter to collect your funds & from now on he'll take care of whatever expenses you need out of that. Money has come too easy for you, Son, cars have come too easy! Apparently everything's come too easy for the Americans & now they're going to have to learn the hard way, just like you're going to learn the hard way.

52. We would even be willing to let you use the time to fix it yourself, to park it there beside your trailer & take it apart & see if you can find out what's wrong with it. Get yourself a diesel book. You're supposed to be such a super-duper mechanic from all you had to say in your letters & reports, you ought to be able to figure it out & fix it. I've taken cars apart when I didn't know anything about them & figured them out for myself, with a manual in one hand & a wrench in the other!

53. So either you are going to go to work on the car & work on it & fix it yourself, or you're going to have it towed someplace where they can fix it, & pay for it. I'm sure it's not going to cost as much as the car cost, & we're not about to begin to throw away that money & have nothing to show for it! It's better to put a little into it & repair it, at least to where it will run & to where we could sell it or trade it in on something else, than just