

"THE HANDICAPPED CHILD--Davidito!" October 27, 1977 MO-DFO 722
--By Father David--from a talk to Maria and Sara Davidito.

1. I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER HEARD A CHILD THAT YOUNG STAMMER, and I've never heard them stammer that badly! I don't think I've ever heard anybody stammer that badly!

2. IT'S JUST AGONY FOR HIM TO TRY TO TALK! It's also almost agony to listen! It hurts me, it really hurts me! It must hurt him too. But you guys just pass it off like it's nothing. It's really Sara's fault. She ought to get desperate with God about it. She took him around that stammerer and wasn't sensitive enough to the Spirit to realise he was being so deeply affected.

3. YOU GUYS BRAG ABOUT HIM and how smart he is and how much he can read and everything, but what good is it if he can't even talk? What good is it if it is agony for him to even try to say the



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simplest things and can hardly express himself! It certainly must be somehow damaging his personality. (Maria: The Lord showed you how he's so sensitive we don't realise how sensitive he is.)

4. IT HURTS HIM and I'm afraid it's apt to make him bitter or resentful and even more withdrawn. Well, surely God's not dealing with him. When a child is afflicted God is dealing with the parents or those who are responsible for him.

5. I THINK YOU GIRLS ARE PRETTY PROUD OF HIM. Sara is writing his story and bragging about him and all, but he is so seriously afflicted he can't even talk! He's afflicted, it's pitiful, and it's serious, it's almost like being dumb or tongue-tied, he can barely get it out!

6. I DON'T THINK YOU GIRLS REALLY GET DESPERATE! How much have you and Sara really wept and prayed about it and got desperate with God about it? I think it's serious, especially at his age! It's likely to affect his whole life. You keep trying to brush it off, pass it off, minimize it, "Oh, it's not so bad", and keep trying to say, "He's better, he's better!"--when if anything he's worse!

7. I DON'T THINK YOU GUYS ARE REALLY FACING IT LIKE YOU OUGHT TO. He's seriously handicapped, and if anything, it sounds to me like he's doing worse! And all this bragging about his brilliance and smartness and his ability to read and his vocabulary and all that blah--means absolutely nothing, nothing!

8. THE POOR CHILD CAN'T EVEN GET OUT THE SIMPLEST WORDS, CAN'T EVEN TALK, can't even speak, can't even express himself, can't even communicate!--Until he gets so frustrated that he just quits and gives up and doesn't even try! I think you people really need to get down to business in prayer and agonising and wrestle with the Lord about the problem and see who God's dealing with and why!

9. I DON'T THINK IT'S MY FAULT, I've prayed and prayed about it and asked God why. I don't think it's my fault, it always comes to me that He's dealing with somebody else.

10. HE'S DEALING WITH ALL OF US I think, because we're not enough concerned about it. We keep brushing it off. But you're his mother and you ought to get concerned, you ought to get desperate with God, cry out to God and beg and plead and pray and agonise before the Lord to deliver.

11. AND HOW DESPERATE HAS SARA GOTTEN? Is she agonising before God, down on her hands and knees and begging God to please deliver him? She ought to be weeping and crying out to God for deliverance for that poor child. She took him to see that stammerer and she didn't even recognise that he was being affected by it! It's really making me angry with her.

12. IT'S JUST AGONY FOR ME TO EVEN BE AROUND HIM, I CAN'T STAND TO SEE HIM SUFFER LIKE THAT! He's suffering, he's suffering! It's like he had some serious physical affliction or handicap or something else that's almost worse. I don't think you girls are at all desperate about it.

13. I THINK GOD'S DEALING WITH

YOU FOR BEING SO PROUD OF HIM, bragging about him, how smart he is, how beautiful he is, how much he can read, blah blah!--And he can't even talk, can't even say the simplest thing in order to express himself! It's just agony, agony for him to try, and it's agony for us to listen!

14. YOU'RE JUST GOING ALONG LIKE NOTHING EVER HAPPENED, like "Oh, he's better, blah blah!" How much have you wept and cried and prayed in agonising prayer for him? How much has Sara really felt guilty and responsible for being so insensitive to the influence that that stammerer was on him?

15. HOW COME SARA DIDN'T REALISE that her compassion on that stammerer was having such an effect on Davidito?--Taking him over there so often to see him and didn't even realise how it was affecting him!



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