

GOD'S LESSONS!

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—Suffering with a Meaning!

1. The main thing to know is that you're supposed to learn something from sicknesses & troubles, & not just take anything as some kind of accident! I think if anything, the question most people ask themselves is, "God, why did You do this to me?", instead of "Lord, why did I deserve this? Why did I need it?" They're almost offended at God for letting it happen, instead of realising that God is dealing with them. I just figure I deserve every bit of it & a lot more & I'm probably getting off easy.

2. But some people are so self-righteous they wonder, "How could God do such a thing to me? How could the Lord treat me this way when I'm so good to Him?" They actually resent it, like Job did at first. Look what the Lord had to put Job through before he finally was humbled, & confessed that he wasn't more righteous than God. He really thought he was pretty righteous till he went through all that—really until he was willing to die trusting the Lord! GBAKY & help you to get the message so the Lord can stop spanking!—Amen?

A PROBLEM CHILD!

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—Comments on an Interview.



1. That spirit is really trying to cover its tracks, that's for sure! So it's a very deceitful spirit, but in spite of all its attempts to be good to keep from getting caught, it certainly reveals itself every now & then with fits of rage & outbursts of various kinds & a bad spirit about things. But it also shows that he can be good

if he wants to bad enough & tries hard enough, but at the same time, unless he gets rid of that, with it always lurking there, it's apt to burst forth again & is a constant risk or at the very least a problem.

2. (To his Shepherdess:) I wonder if you act too familiar with him, too pampering? You seem a little too familiar with him, & "Familiarity breeds contempt". You can't be a good leader & be too familiar, especially in the case of women leaders with men. To keep their respect you've got to keep them at a little distance most of the time.

3. This sort of absolute non-stop talking is rather characteristic of some forms of mental disturbance when they just talk & talk & talk. Now I talk a lot too but I usually take others into it & want some response & ask questions, but he seems just completely filled with himself. It tells something about him, that he's really full of himself & more nostalgic for his childhood, talking, talking, talking about himself. Talking a lot can also be a cover-up sometimes too.

4. He's not really telling the things we really need to know, like what was wrong with him? Why did he have to go to the mental hospital? What were his behavioral characteristics that caused them to have to put him in a mental hospital, three times he says, & see psychiatrists for weeks at a time?—And had to go to a psychiatrist from the time he was 11 years old! It must have been pretty serious. (Maria: Yes, he's attributing all his problems to shyness & introversion.) You wouldn't send a guy to a psychiatric hospital for that! He's not really describing any of his peculiar behaviour that landed him there.

5. He seems to almost blank out sometimes. How did he know these things about spirits? If he had nothing to do with them or didn't know anything about them, how did he know that candle flames get long when there's a spirit in the room? It sounds to me like he was quite into that sort of thing. I never heard that before. Where did he get those ideas about candles & flames & spirits & things?

6. His parents' actions were typical of the way you treat a mental patient, you try not to cross them, try not to offend them, nearly always humour them to try to keep the peace, lest