

leadership—living with & relating to other people.

12. Well, it seems to me that with some of these cases, the Lord's Work would be better off & we'd all be able to do more for the Lord if they'd just stop all the bickering & the contention, & get out on their own, & everybody would be their own boss!—In other words, if they really want to serve the Lord, but they can't get along with other people or with their leadership, separate!—Let 'm strike out on their own!

13. Dad has always said this: If you can't live together, live separately! And if they can't get along living under their leadership, then let them be their own leadership! They'll either have to be in a Home with others who can live under them, or they'll have to be by themselves somewhere & simply be their own leaders. Why condemn them? It causes a lot more problems trying to constantly battle the difficulties & obstacles that come up when people are living together who can't get along with each other than if they would just pull out & live on their own.

14. Let's do the Lord's Work!—That's the first & most important thing, seeking first the Kingdom of God, not just seeking to try to battle our problems & overcome all our shortcomings & weaknesses! If trying to make certain people cooperate & work together is going to be the major battle, our major work & take most of our time, then we're not going to get the Lord's Work done!

15. So why not just let such people go out & "do their own thing" & serve the Lord the way they want to!—At least they're going to be preaching the Gospel, they're going to be serving the Lord. They may do it in their own way, but at least they're still doing it, & that's the main thing! If we, like the churches, get so busy trying to perfect ourselves, trying to get the victory over all our personal problems, & we wind up spending so much time & effort on that, we won't get the Lord's Work done!

16. Of course we should try to get along, & we do try to work on our problems. But people that have just too big a problem along that line, & constantly wind up in contention with others & fighting each other, let's not let that go on for too long! Let's just let them get out, be on their own & be their own leadership, if that's what they want. As long as they're doing the

Lord's Work, winning souls & getting out the Message, why not? It's like I recently said about separations being the solution for some of these problem marriages. (See "Separations" by Maria, FSM 82)

17. If you can't get along after such a long time, if it doesn't look like you're going to be able to get the victory & make the grade, & you've tried everything else, then why stay together & both be ineffective?—Why not split & hopefully be effective? If that's the answer, why don't we do it?

18. The be-all & end-all isn't just to have everybody join up & live communally with 30 or 40 people in one Home! If they can do it, of course it certainly has its advantages for the people who are willing to work in cooperation & harmony together.—Living together has lots & lots of advantages, & that's why we do it. But if some people simply can't work that way, then let's not make that our major work to overcome their problems of not getting along with others! Let's just let them go on their own, & not condemn them. Let's be thankful that they want to serve the Lord & preach the Gospel!

19. We've got quite a few pretty independent people, & they're usually real high-powered people, & maybe self-righteous as well, & they're usually pretty intelligent & talented.—This is one reason why they sometimes have a hard time living & working under leadership that they can find a lot of fairly obvious faults in, because the leadership isn't as smart or talented or whatever as they are. Of course, the leaders may be more spiritual, & we hope they are. But it's often sort of difficult for the strong, talented person to see how that is going to help much when the poor little leader doesn't have a lot of talent or ability, & perhaps isn't even very mature or very wise.

20. Some people just can't stand to live under such circumstances! So my goodness, why should we try to force them to live under other people if it just ends up in bickering, arguing, contention & hurt feelings? If people just can't do it, let's forget it!—Let's let them get out & do what they can do, & what they're supposed to do, & that's preach the Gospel to every creature!

21. Of course, Dad has already told them that that's what they're supposed to do, but I think a lot of them get condemned