THE 7 CURES FOR FINANCIAL ILLS! 11/7/82

1. "WELL, PTL I HALELUYAH! THIS IS AN EMERGENCY!" We're having a business & finance conference regarding general finances & problems arising from WS increased giving & the family's decreased giving, to the extent that we have given more this past month than we have received & we have a deficit.

2. "THE THING TO DO WHEN YOU FIND OUT YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHIN YOUR INCOME Is to either cut your living down to the level of your income, or figure some way to raise the income. If you can't figure any way to increase the income, then you've got to cut down expenses—the living or whatever you're doing or spending—like Pubs!

3. "BUT DON'T DO LIKE GOVERNMENTS & A LOT OF BANKS & COMPANIES DO: when they can't live within their expenses & their income, they just borrow—Until most of the World's govt & most banks & businesses are living on borrowed money & borrowed time. & are now beginning to gradually crumble & fall & go bankrupt, because it's finally beginning to catch up with them!

4. "THE GOVERNMENTS CAN JUST PRINT MORE MONEY—COUNTERFEIT IT! When it's not even worth the paper it's printed on. It's counterfeit money. It's not represented by true value in gold, silver, etc., it's counterfeit money. Governments are the biggest counterfeiters in the world. That's why they're so hard on private counterfeiters, because they went too far on the game to make sure that nobody but them is doing it!

5. "THEM PRINT WORTHLESS MONEY BUT THEY BACK IT UP WITH GUNS!—And they can take yours away with guns! They don't want anybody else—criminals as they call them—printing the same kind of money or they'll go with guns & take it away from them & put them in jail. They don't want any competition in the counterfeit business!

6. "WHAT IS A COUNTERFEIT?—SOMETHING THAT PRETENDS TO BE SOMETHING IT ISN'T, RIGHT? What is paper money? Almost any paper money pretends to have value when it actually doesn't, so virtually all paper money is counterfeit money. It's one of the greatest counterfeiters ever cooked up by governments to cover their excessive luxury-living beyond their income.

7. "WHEN THEY NEED MORE MONEY THEY JUST PRINT IT & PRETEND TO THE PEOPLE IT'S WORTH SOMETHING, & the people are dumb enough to accept it! In fact, they're required by law to accept it whether they like it or not!—Which to me is robbery at a gun of the government! But the government gets what it deserves in return, of course, because the taxes they receive in return aren't worth anything either! That paper money is not worth anything & eventually it catches up with them.

8. "ALREADY SOME OF THE BIGGEST corporations & banks IN THE WORLD are GONE BROKE! Governments are already broke but they can pretend they're not & cover it up by continuing to squeeze the corporations & public & rule by the gun. But we can't do that.

9. "WE'RE NEITHER COUNTERFEITERS nor do we believe in FORCING THE FAMILY TO GIVE at the point of a gun like the governments do! They have to give in love & voluntarily & the best they can. We can't force them to, but we can cut down on what we give them in return; just if we can't afford it, we can't give it.

10. "AND WE DON'T BELIEVE IN BORROWING MONEY! We believe in the Scripture: "Owe no man anything save to love him!" (Ro.13:8.) And we're trying to love The Family all we can & they're loving us all they can, & hope they're giving all they can.

11. "THE DROP IN THEIR GIVING IS ACCOUNTABLE FOR A number of different reasons, probably mostly because such a tremendous number of them have now moved South. I told you last time about 10% of them moved South last month, & another 10% have moved South since I told you that! There are now only about one-third of us in the North & two-thirds of the Family have moved South! Think of that! They are really obeying & really getting out, PTL! But it costs something!

12. "SO WHEN OUR INCOME DOESN'T MEET OUR EXPENSES, WE CUT DOWN ON THE EXPENSES—especially the excessive expenses or the fat & the frills & the little frills benefits that we don't absolutely have to have. If it gets bad enough, we even cut down on some of the needs to make our income cover our outgo.

13. "I BELIEVE IN LIVING WITHIN OUR INCOME & NOT BORROWING! The only thing we borrow from as a Family is world Service Units are our Reserves. But in a sense that's not actually borrowing, because they're already ours & are just a little stockpile of emergency funds to use in just such an emergency as this & as we have before, PTL! Each WS Unit has a little.

14. "TRIMMING THE FAT MEANS TRIMMING FAT PERSONNEL & FAT INCOMES & FAT PROJECTS & any kind of fat we don't absolutely have to have & we don't really need. And having trimmed all the fat, then we trim a little bit of everybody's meat as well as fat, even units' needed income if we haven't got it.

15. "SO MY SUGGESTION IS, FIRST WE TRIM THE FAT, THEN WE CUT OFF A POUND OF MEAT: 10% of all of their income. Since WS income has fallen off nearly 10%, we will have to cut their income 10%. We cannot give them what we haven't got. We went in the hole this past month & we're going further in the hole this month if we don't cut down.

16. "THE MAIN THING IS THAT OUR INCOME DROPPED NEARLY 10% BELOW OUR OUTGO. This isn't the first time we've been down, we've done it several times before when we went in the hole. We just covered the hole; we can't pour money down a hole we haven't got & we can't pour money we haven't got down the hole, so we just get rid of the hole so we don't have to pour money down it, PTL? (Chokes;)

17. "PARDON ME, I GOT SOME WATER DOWN THE WRONG HOLE WHERE IT DOESN'T BELONG. THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE TO DO ABOUT OUR MONEY! If we're pouring any of it down the wrong hole we need to put it where it does some good & not where it does us harm by spending money we haven't got! I'm saying all these things to try & teach you...
lesson, & at the same time we're having to go into emergency action with countermeasures to correct the problem.

WE HAVE JUST PASSED THROUGH A PERIOD WHEN OUR INCOME WAS THE HIGHEST IN OUR HISTORY, so we gave raises to everybody & started giving gifts to missionaries & mission fields that we've never given to before. & we have given more generously than ever in our history. And frankly, I deliberately tried to raise our giving to the level of our income, because except for emergencies, I could see no point in having a balance or a margin left over every month.

I DON'T BELIEVE IN GOING IN DEBT OR IN DEFICIT, BUT NEITHER DO I BELIEVE IN WITHHOLDING MORE THAN IS NECESSARY & piling up reserves that we don't need or could use better. I don't want the carrier of our gold & our silver to be a witness against us. (Ja.5:3).

SO WHEN PEOPLE WAKE UP TO WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE MONEY & when the governments can't cover it anymore & the banks can't cover their loans anymore & the corporations can't cover their debts anymore etc., then they begin to crash!

AND FINALLY, GOVERNMENTS CAN CRASH TOO, & when they do—as in the past many times—their paper money is worth nothing & the only thing worth anything is real estate & things that people consider valuable, things with intrinsic material value like gold, diamonds & jewelry—even food & clothing.

WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT, WHEN THINGS REALLY GET HARD UP, THE BIBLE SAYS THEY'LL EVEN CAST THEIR GOLD & THEIR SILVER & THEIR IDOLS they have made to the coves & to the moles & the bats! They'll flee to the coves of the Earth to hide themselves from the fury of the Wrath of the Lord! (Isa.2:19,20; Rev.6:15,16). In other words, even such material intrinsic values will be worth nothing any more.

FOOD & WATER WILL BE THE GREATEST IN DEMAND, & in even greater demand and than that will be protection from the horrors of the Earth on man that has brought himself & which God has allowed in his wrath for man to suffer for his own sins. So the time will come when even those things are not worth anything & self-preservation is worth even more than food & water.

YOU SAY, "Well, You've got to have food & water for self-preservation!" Well, you can do without them both for a few days while you hide in a cave or somewhere from the storm. The Lord said in Isaiah: "Go within thy chambers & shut thy doors until the storm of His wrath be overpast!" (Isa.26:20).

WELL, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THEY'RE ADVISING US TO DO NOWAYS: Build yourself a bunker, a bomb shelter, sand bag your doors & windows, blah, blah! "Go within your chambers & shut your doors until the holocaust is over!"—And unless you've got your food & water stored up you may have to go without it for a few days!

But thank God, it never lasts forever & nearly everything is always over eventually. There's an end to everything & nothing is forever except the Lord & us & Eternity, Till Everything of man, his Ideas & his doings & his creations are finite, temporal, terminal. We're working on what you might call a terminal patient who is destined & doomed to die inevitably, very soon. In a way, you might say we're trying to save the baby, the second generation, while the parents are dying due to their own sins.

ANYHOO, BANKS & BUSINESSES & GOVERNMENTS ARE GOING BROKE THROUGH LIVING BEYOND THEIR INCOMES, & the U.S. is now trying to cover up its debts & save itself by robbing the rest of the World, by borrowing money at phenomenal rates of interest, 20% or more, paying that much interest on money they're borrowing to desperately cover their own debts.

THE VALUE OF THE DOLLAR HAS GONE UP BECAUSE THEY ONLY ACCEPT THAT MONEY IN DOLLARS, & THE VALUE OF GOLD WENT DOWN. As a result, people were selling their gold & buying dollars so they could put them in American banks & earn that phenomenal 20% interest—which they're thankful is more than the rate of inflation of about 10-12% a year in most of the West. This is to cover their debts & losses due to inflation.

A RISE IN PRICES OF NEARLY 12% A YEAR MEANS THE VALUE OF YOUR MONEY IS GOING DOWN 10-12% A YEAR. You can't put your money in banks that only pay two, three, five or six percent interest, because it won't even cover the rate of inflation, the amount you're losing on the money just through the loss in its value. So banks have got to pay more interest than the rate of inflation in order to attract money.

EUROPE & THE REST OF THE WORLD ARE SCREAMING THAT THE U.S. BANKS ARE BEING UNFAIR TO PAY THAT MUCH INTEREST. They know they can't pay that much interest because the European banks are smarter & they operate on a more sensible scale. But the American banks are on their last filing, they're desperate! There's no answer, no way out, so they don't care what they do.

THEM THEY'LL PAY ANYTHING JUST TO KEEP THEIR HEADS, THEIR NOSE OR EVEN ONE NOSTRIL ABOVE WATER a little bit longer before they all collapse—which is what they're about to do! And of course, when they see there is absolutely no hope & it's ready to collapse, you know what they'll do, don't you?—They'll pull the trigger! When the head of a family can't earn or borrow enough he's tempted to go out & rob somebody & steal it.

SO THE GOVERNMENTS PULL OUT THE GUNS & AIM THEM AT SOME OTHER COUNTRY & TRY TO GET IT FROM THEM—they START A WAR! They try to grab somebody else's money & their wealth & their land & their industries & their resources & their raw materials. They rob somebody else to try to cover their own foolishness & their own debts. And that's what's going to happen!

OF COURSE, IN A SENSE, WHAT YOU MENTIONED WAS TRUE: YOU PUT THE PISTOL TO YOUR HEAD LIKE THIS. Well, they get to the point where it's either that or put the pistol to somebody else's head, & that's what they'll choose to do first. They'll put the pistol to Russia's head or the financial World's head or whoever. They're even willing to put the pistol to Europe's head & they're doing it right now.

EVERY ONE OF THOSE MISSILES IS A PISTOL TO EUROPE'S HEAD! They want Russia so busy shooting at
Europe & all those missile sites in Europe that she won't have enough missiles left to shoot down the U.S.A. That's why they don't want to move their missiles out of Europe—to save the U.S.

39. THEY AREN'T A DAMN BIT CONCERNED ABOUT PROTECTING EUROPE, THAT'S A BIG BUNCH OF LIES! Every missile there, every single damned one of that, every soldier, every gun, every tank, every bullet that the U.S.A. has in Europe is not for the protection of Europe at all—it's for the protection of the U.S.A. & it's going to destroy Europe!

40. WELL, WE DON'T INTEND TO LIVE THAT WAY. THAT'S THE WHOLE MORAL OF THAT LITTLE STORY! We are not going to live beyond our income to where we're tempted to borrow or go out & rob & steal from somebody else in order to get enough to pay our bills. If the Lord doesn't see it that the Family sends it in, then we must not need it or we must need to cut down somewhere. Maybe we're being extravagant or wasteful or in some way enjoying some luxuries that we don't have to have.

37. OR MAYBE THE FAMILY IS NOT PRAYING HARD ENOUGH OR GIVING ENOUGH & GOD IS GOING TO TEACH THEM A LESSON. "Can a man rob God?" the Bible says. "Yes," the Lord said, "He rob me in tithes & offerings!" (Mal.3:8.) "You weren't satisfied with your 90%, you had to take My 10% too!" The Lord said this to Israel in her last days before He shut up & stopped talking to them for 300 years! The Lord & the Prophets left because it didn't do any good, they wouldn't listen, so He just shut up & let them go to their doom & suffer their fate—which they did.

38. AND THEN, IN HIS MERCY, GOD SENT ALONG ONE LAST PROPHET TO WARN THEM WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN BEFORE HE THREW THEM OUT ENTIRELY & SCATTERED THEM ALL OVER THE WORLD, & that was Jesus!—But they crucified Him, so a lot of good it did! It didn't do any good, but it did us a lot of good, TTL! As a result, He turned to the Gentiles & you have gotten saved, whoever is Gentile among us! There aren't too many Gentiles, it seems we're nearly all saved Jews! TTL.

39. SO GOD'S BUSINESS IS NOT GOING TO LIVE LIKE THAT & IS NOT GOING TO BE WASTEFUL! In the first place, we're going to trim the fat, anything we don't absolutely have to have, any people we don't have to have, any units we don't have to have, any projects we don't absolutely have to have, even if it's only temporary! We'll trim this month & we'll just tell them we can't afford them, sorry! We'll also tell those who we need to keep on in hopes that things will get better: "Well, that's what your Reserves are for! Live on your Reserves!"

40. THERE ARE ABOUT FIVE COUNTER-MEASURES THAT I LIVE & EAT, & of course, the first one is to tell them to do something that they're probably already doing anyhow since they haven't gotten their cheques yet, & that is to live on their Reserves this month. And unless things get better, we're going to give everybody a 10% cut in the next cheque, & if we find out the Income has fallen off any more, it will be more than that!

41. TRIM OFF THE FAT FIRST! Cut everybody 10% to hold up for the deficit & on top of it tell everybody to live on their Reserves until we recover. This is something which we worked out once before in Portugal with our finance men, & we had it all nicely figured out according to the Income then.

42. WE FIGURED OUT HOW EACH AREA OF THE WORLD WAS GOING TO SUPPORT ITSELF ON ITS OWN INCOME: The Western Hemisphere was to live within its Income & the Eastern Hemisphere was to live within its Income, & if one or the other of them were to have any balance or surplus, the other would have a deficit or a lack or a need; then the balance of the one would cover the deficit of the other.

43. AND THIS IS THE NEXT THING I PROPOSE RIGHT AWAY TO (3) SHARE, BECAUSE THE EAST HAS GONE IN THE HOLE, WHEREAS THE WEST HAS THE SURPLUS! Well, the whole world, as far as our services are concerned, has gone in the hole a little, but not too much, TTL! It's still a little too bad, but it's a 10% drop in needed income & we're going to have to do something to make up for it. But checks (like Oly.) need to iron out the wrinkles. They're a futuristic machine having an auditory warning system, which is better than only a visual one.

44. DID YOU KNOW YOUR EARS ARE YOUR BEST WATCHMEN?—THEY NEVER SLEEP! They even listen & watch over you while you're asleep, if they hear any unusual noise, they wake you up. So your auditory watchmen are the most important. That's why the Lord said: "Their prophets are dumb dogs who cannot even bark & warn the people!" (Isa.56:10.)

45. MY GRANDFATHER SAID THAT'S WHAT THE "DO" OF "DOGS OF DIVINITY" STANDS FOR: Dumb dogs who cannot even bark & warn the people! They just honk them up & love them up deceitfully & dissuade their fears with false prophecies. False peace prophets!

46. SO AN AUDITORY SIGNAL IS THE BEST! God created dogs to bark & bells to ring & watchmen to yell & prophets to warn & preachers to preach & not just flash lights, like some tape recorders!—Because you may or may not see the light! The only way you can see the light is if you've got your eyes open, & many people are blind & have their eyes shut! There are none too blind as those that will not see!

47. BUT IF YOU'RE SCREAMING IN THEIR EAR THEY'LL SAY SOMETHING ABOUT IT!—Either they'll obey & heed it or do something about it, or they'll shut your mouth & get rid of you—which they usually did to all of their Prophets. Jesus asked them, "Which of your Prophets have you not slain?" (Mt.23:35; Acts 7:52.)

48. THEY KILL ALL THEIR PROPHETS—EXCEPT FOR ONE OR TWO THAT THE LORD PROTECTED LIKE JEREMIAH! That was very unusual, but He needed to have Jeremiah around to pick up the pieces of what was left over. And besides, he went through his hell beforehand so he got his heaven afterward TTL.

49. SO ALL THAT TO SAY THIS: THAT IS ANOTHER CONFIRMATION THAT WE'VE GOTTEN TO WARN THE PEOPLE! We've got to
warn the Units that they're going to have to live on their Reserves this month & get a cut in their next cheque. If the Income doesn't go up—a cut equivalent to whatever the drop in World Services' Income is.

So CAN YOU RECITE BACK TO ME NOW WHAT COUNTERMEASURES YOU CAN USE WHEN YOU FIND OUT YOU'RE NOT LIVING WITHIN YOUR INCOME? Number 1? (Peter: Trim the Fat! Pray: Trim the fat! Personnel, projects, size of budgets & all kinds of different ways you can do that.)

Number 2? (Peter: Give a percentage cut or cut in the budget.) No, number 2 is probably what they're already doing, living on their Reserves. That means no cheques this month except in emergency cases where they don't have sufficient Reserves.

51. IN OTHER WORDS, IF WE HAVEN'T GOT IT, WE JUST DON'T SPEND IT! If we haven't got it, but they've got it in their Reserves, then they spend it, not us. So number 2 is live on what you've already got; that's what it's for. Everybody is supposed to have at least one or two months' reserves on hand in order to survive such emergencies.

52. NUMBER 3 IS THEN WHAT YOU SAID: A 10% CUT IN ALL OF OUR GIFTS & Budgets & OUTGRO AS THE BOARD—Everybody & everything, missionaries & all! I don't think you're going to drive the point home & get the point across unless you touch their most sensitive nerve, their pocketbook nerve, & they realise & wake up to the fact that they haven't got as much money this month or next month because they didn't pray hard enough that the Family would have enough Income that they could give enough to us so we'd have enough to give them enough!

53. AFTER THE RAIN WE CUT 25% BECAUSE WE HAD A 25% DROP IN INCOME! Of course, that was when our income was only about an eighth of what it is now, & our expenses were about that small too. But our expenses are about 8 times as much now, so God gives us about 8 times as much Income—or has been until right now when we got this little drop.

54. 10% IS NOT ANYTHING CATASTROPHIC, BUT I THINK IT'S A LITTLE WARNING FROM THE LORD THAT WE NEED TO BE A LITTLE MORE CAREFUL & not be quite so extravagant in our expenditures & our giving & our budgets & our projects & our personnel & so much of the things that I have questioned before. I have questioned them before, but I let them ride because of some of your appeals.

55. BUT WHEN IT COMES TO SURVIVAL I'M GOING TO LOWER THE BOOM & CRACK THE ROD & we are going to cut down. Like it or not! we may get a few howls & a few yells, but it's the hir dogs that howl & some of them need to be hit to behave themselves & not spend so much money—including us, including you, including me! PTL?

56. I'M GLAD I GOT THIS NICE LITTLE TAPE RECORDER I'M RECORDEING THIS ON BEFORE THE ECONOMY DRIED—Ha! I got mine in just under the line! PTL! God bless you dear brothers, you're enjoying the benefits of this nice recorder sitting beside me now that I didn't have before, when all I came through the fire with from the last trip was my little micro. But the family here was too enough to give me this nice birthday present for Maria's birthday! She's sharing it right now with me. See, she isn't having to do the recording, I'm doing it for her PTL.

57. OK! NUMBER 1 WAS TRIM THE FAT! Number 2: Live on your Reserves, what you've got. Number 3? (Peter: 10% cut across the board)—Equivalent to our loss in income. We just cut our expenditures to trim down to live within our Income. Number 4? (Peter: Warn the people.)

58. WARN THE PEOPLE, THAT'S A VERY IMPORTANT POINT, because that's probably why God is allowing it—to warn them that they can't get away with robbing God & not giving Him His share. I presume there are lots of people who figured they couldn't afford to pay their full tithe this last month or so because they had to rent their for their fares to go South, & God bless them, they've gone South & obeyed in one way.

59. BUT AS THE LORD SAYS, "THIS YE OUGHT TO HAVE DONE & NOT TO HAVE LEFT THE OTHER UNDONE" (Mt.23:23.) They should have gone South, but they should have paid their tithe too! And if they kept the 90% & borrow His 10% too, they're going to find out they may lose everything! Even if they did evil to it to do good!—they robbed God in order to buy their ticket South—it's not going to pay & they may find themselves worse off than they were before! "The last state of the man was worse than it was before!" (Mt.12:45.)

60. IF THEY THINK THAT BECAUSE THEY'RE OBLIGING IN GOING SOUTH THEY CAN BORROW GOD'S TITHE TO DO IT ON, THEY'RE GOING TO FIND OUT THEY'RE MISTAKEN! I thank God they have obeyed & gone South! And of course the Income in those poor countries of the South is going to be less & we were expecting it. I was surprised, as you know, that it took so long to catch up with them! It seemed like the Lord was really blessing us for obeying, & I believe He will—if we go South & for us pouring it out! And we've been pouring it out!

61. MARIA: ANOTHER POINT IS THAT IN THE FIRST TEN YEARS OF THE FAMILY every one would give all kinds of gifts, Inheritances, insurance rebates & everything over to the Family en toto, but now they give very little besides their tithe.) Yes, the early policy of the Family was of course 100%; "Give it all! Move in & live with us & serve God 100%, full time, & He'll give you 100%, He'll take care of you!"

62. NOW WE'VE LET SOME PEOPLE OFF THE STICK A LITTLE BIT BY ENCOURAGING THEM TO AT LEAST NOT, if they didn't feel they had the faith or couldn't work full-time for the Lord, well, at least they could work part-time for the Lord & part-time otherwise & give 10% of what they earn. So a lot of people who have received bequests & Inheritances or property sales or whatever, instead of giving it all as they used to do, they probably just give 10% now.

63. WELL, WHEN WE ENCOURAGED THE TITHING IT DIDN'T MEAN TO CANCEL THE 10% GIFTS! And as Peter told Ananias & Sapphira, they didn't have to give it all. He said, "It was yours to do with it as you wished." But what the Lord didn't like is they were pretending to give everything & they held back part of it. (Acts 5:1-11.) Don't try to kid us that you're giving everything
when you're only giving 10%. Don't try to kid us you're giving 10% when you're not.

64. NOW ACCORDING TO THE FINANCE REPORT, THE TOTAL FAMILY INCOME HAS FALLEN OFF CONSIDERABLY, but not as much proportionately as has your giving to World Services. The drop in your giving to us is larger than the drop in your own income, which shows you must be using it for your own purposes. I don't doubt probably a lot of you are using it for moving South or whatever else you felt you needed it for, or maybe you're even living on it on the mission field because of your low income there.

65. WELL, WE KNEW THAT WHEN WE MOVED TO THESE SOUTHERN FIELDS THE TOTAL FAMILY INCOME WAS PROBABLY GOING TO TAKE A DROP & be lower because they're poor fields & your income was going to be lower, but one reason for it is probably because you were too slow, too late & too little in raising home support & pledges & keeping up a faithful mail ministry. Maybe you thought you'd just start it when you got to the field, but that's pretty hard to do.

66. IT'S FAR BETTER TO WIN PEOPLE'S CONFIDENCE & FRIENDSHIP & SUPPORT BEFORE YOU GO THAN TO WAIT TILL YOU GET THERE. But of course a lot of people get in a hurry & say, "Oh, I'll do it later!" Procrastination is the Devil's own tool to get people to put things off until later. "Mammon, mammon!" Tomorrow, tomorrow!

67. SO PROBABLY A LOT OF YOU DIDN'T REALLY WORK ON YOUR INCOME LIKE YOU SHOULD HAVE before you left the rich countries that you came from, or there wouldn't have been any need for any drop in your income, because your income shouldn't be coming from the field anyhow.

68. MOST OF YOUR INCOME OUGHT TO BE COMING FROM HOME FROM THE RICH COUNTRIES that have nothing better to do with their money & couldn't possibly spend it for any better purpose; your relatives & friends at home who have nothing else to do but earn money & make money, lots of money to give to the Lord!

69. SO THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR A DROP IN INCOME! I've told you that before, right? You should have raised it before you left! You should have gotten more Home Support & pledges & kept up a better mail ministry before you left. Amen.

70. SO IF YOU HAD A DROP IN INCOME BECAUSE OF MOVING SOUTH, THAT IS NOT JUSTIFIABLE! It's understandable & it's reasonable, in a way, but it's not excusable, because you could have earned it & raised it before you left so that you wouldn't have a loss of income when you moved out. If anything, you should have a better income now than when you were in a home field, because people give to foreign missionaries much better than to home missionaries! Well, I'll tell you, they do.

71. I WAS IN THE BUSINESS FOR MANY YEARS OF BEING A HOME MISSIONARY & givers didn't feel that the home missionaries needed it nearly as much as the foreign missionaries. We nearly starved to death sometimes because they didn't give that much to little home missionaries running around on the home field.

72. BUT THEY GAVE IT BY THE MILLIONS TO THE FOREIGN MISSIONARIES because they knew they were out there where they really needed it & were really preaching the Gospel to the heathen & into all the world to every creature! So it was never too difficult for real getter missionary societies to raise money for foreign missions, it was raising money for home missions that was really difficult.

73. OF COURSE, THEY NEVER REALLY HAD TOO MUCH TROUBLE Raising Money FOR THEIR OWN BENEFIT to build church buildings & run church buildings & pay preachers' & salaries & buy them ties & homes & cars & take good care of themselves first. That's the motto of the American church today & the Christian church in general: "Peter first! Peter first! If we have anything left over we'll pay Paul to be a missionary!"

74. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE AVERAGE MISSIONARY GIVING IS OF THE METHODISTS, THE WORLD'S LARGEST PROTESTANT DENOMINATION? I don't know about the Catholics, but out of every dollar of church income received in offerings & collections, the Methodist church spends only 3¢, or 2¢ of every dollar on missions! Five cents on the dollar! If they spend the other 95¢ on number 2 CHURCH BUILDINGS & church debts & church payments, Number 2: Salaries of church officials, preachers & denominational headquarters administration. Number 3: Running expenses like utilities & all the rest that go into running those huge big buildings & churches. And whatever equipment they need—new organ, new piano, air conditioning & all the rest.

75. WELL, I'LL TELL YOU, THEY MAY NEED AIR CONDITIONING IN SOME OF THESE TROPICAL COUNTRIES, but the countries that can afford the air conditioning & have it, are the ones that don't need it! I'll tell you, it's not necessary. There are 100s of millions of people that can't even afford to turn it on!

76. SO THE CHURCHES SPEND 95¢ ON THE FARM, THE STUFF THAT GOD DIDN'T TELL THEM TO DO & THEY DON'T NEED. Huge church buildings & fat preachers to tickle their ears! Including huge educational institutions that do nothing but give fat educations to their fat kids to go out & earn more fat for themselves & to give their little crumb of 5 cents out of every dollar to the poor missionaries to do the main job that God told them to do, to go out & preach the Gospel in all the world to every creature!

77. WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD IS GOING TO DO TO THE CHURCHES FOR THAT WHEN HE SEES THEM ONE OF THESE DAYS? In fact, He's already doing it! He's going to destroy it all. They put their money in a bag, not just with holes in it, they put it into sacks of air, because it's all going to be wiped out! (Heb.1:6.)

78. ALL THOSE BUILDINGS & COLLEGES & I STARTED TO CALL THEM CREATURES INSTEAD OF PREACHERS—ARE ALL GOING TO BE Wiped OUT! The only eternal investments that they have made is the 5¢ they put into missions, & a lot of that is wasted too, believe it or not. Some of the big denominational missionaries live in luxury on the field like kings in mansions with servants, & preach little or no Gospel at all.

80. THEY HAVEN'T BECOME MISSIONARIES, THEY'VE JUST
BECOME EXPATRIATES! They’ve just moved to another country, that’s all! They don’t really preach the Gospel, they don’t really get out & witness, they don’t pass tracts, they don’t witness, they don’t do anything like that! They’re just sitting out there on the mission field writing prayer letters & getting out their mail ministry.

81. MANY OF THEM ARE JUST RAISING MONEY: “Send me money because I’m a missionary out here on the field!”—But are doing little or nothing to prove it! They get little or no results in converts & do little or no witnessing! I know, because I was in a missionary outfit for years & I heard too many stories of missionaries who spent most of their time just in their mail ministry & writing prayer letters & plugging & promoting & raising money from home by writing letters from the field, but were not actually accomplishing very much.

82. AND WHAT LITTLE THEY DID THEY REALLY TOOTED THEIR OWN HORN & REALLY PRAISED THEMSELVES FOR: “We did this & we did that!” & they put in pictures & did all kinds of things trying to show what they were accomplishing when it wasn’t very much. So watch out you don’t do that!

83. MOST OF THE BIG DENOMINATIONAL MISSIONARIES WERE SCHOOL TEACHERS, DOCTORS & NURSES ETC., IN HOSPITALS & SCHOOLS, some of them doing more damage than good. Most Communist leaders in these Third world countries were raised & educated in mission schools of the big Christian denominations! That’s where they got their education & their smartness & their cleverness & learned how to outsmart the white man & how to lick him at his own game!

84. BESIDES THE HOSPITALS DO THEM SOME GOOD, but if they’d teach them how to live & give them more information about how to eat & how to be clean & live a good life for the Lord, then they wouldn’t have to patch up their sickliness & their diseases & their wounds so much—if they’d build the fence at the top of the cliff instead of a hospital at the bottom!

85. HOW ARE WE GOING TO LIVE WITHIN OUR INCOME SO WE WON’T BE LIKE THE OTHERS? Thank God we are “not as other men!”—Hos. (Lk.18:11) Well, that’s one thing I’m glad we are more righteous in than them. In this case, we are the publicans & the sinners & we are more righteous than the Scribes & the Pharisees, that’s for sure! Jesus said so! Because we’re crying for the Lord’s mercy right now & asking Him to help us, forgive us, bless us & give us the money we need to do the job!

86. SO ONCE AGAIN, NUMBER ONE: TRIM THE FAT! Number 21: How about you, Honey? Why don’t you answer some of these? She’s sitting there thinking about how or who she is going to be able to cut, poor little girl! (Maria: Live on your Reserves.) Right, live on your Reserves, on what you’ve already got. Number 32 (Maria: 10% cut). 10% cut in budgets & expenditures across the board.

87. NUMBER TWO: WARN THE PEOPLE, & THAT’S WHAT I’M GOING RIGHT NOW! I’m warning you & we’re going to warn our finance man & we’re going to warn our Units & we’re going to warn the whole Family! We’re going to warn the Units that they’re going to have less to live on & less to spend, so they’d better hang on to what they’ve got & live more economically, because the Family is not giving it.

88. AND WE’RE GOING TO WARN THE FAMILY THAT THEY’RE NOT GIVING ENOUGH TO PAY FOR WHAT THEY’VE BEEN GETTING & they’re going to have to either resume better giving & tithing or we’re going to have to cut down on production. That’s a part of trimming the fat. We may have to trim a little meat too, even some needs if they don’t give it out. So, that’s my recommendation.

89. AND NUMBER THREE: HOW CAN WE COMPENSATE FOR SOME PEOPLE’S LACK & OTHER PEOPLE’S SURPLUS?—SHARE! How are we going to compensate for some fields who don’t have enough, like the Eastern field, & some fields that have more than they need like the Western Hemisphere? We’re going to take from the rich & give to the poor!—Share!

90. WHAT ARE THE THREE POINTS OF INDIGENIZING? (No.315C) Number one: Self-propagating! That means they do the job themselves. They get out the message & do their own printing, production & all of that. They do the job: Witnessing, witnessing & everything. Self-propagating. Perpetuates the work.

91. NUMBER TWO: THEY’VE GOT TO BE NOT ONLY SELF-PROPAGATING, BUT THEY’VE GOT TO BE SELF-SUPPORTING! That’s what we’re talking about right now, right? And number three: self-governing. I’m trying to get that point across to the Western World in particular because they’ve been the ones who have been babbled the most & we took the best care of.

92. THE EASTERN HEMISPHERE LONG AGO LEARNED TO BE SELF-PROPAGATING, real missionaries in mission fields virtually self-supported, because we didn’t back them & couldn’t back them, really. They had to be self-supporting for years.

93. AND THEY’VE BEEN VIRTUALLY SELF-GOVERNING because they’ve been almost totally neglected as far as administration is concerned. We’ve just left it up to Keda, Ho & all the rest of them just to kind of take care of themselves because we didn’t have time, we were too busy with the West & the rest of the World.

94. WE JUST PRETTY MUCH LEFT THEM TO THEMSELVES, & AS A RESULT THEY’VE BECOME MUCH MORE INDIGENOUS! They know how to take care of themselves & their fields & the finances & their organisation & government & all the rest! They’re in a better position to meet emergencies now than the West is because the West has been babbled too long.

95. SO THE WEST HAS GOT TO LEARN A LITTLE MORE INDIGENITY, INDEPENDENCE, HOW TO MAKE MORE DECISIONS & be more self-supporting & self-governing. They are pretty well self-supporting but they need to learn how to manage those finances better to where they don’t have to ask us about every financial situation & every little move & every little thing! They need to learn how to take care of those things themselves.

96. IT’S NICE OF THE LEADERS THERE TO WANT TO GET OUR
OKAY, OUR APPROVAL, & IN SOME CASES THEY SHOULD. If they have a question in their mind about whether they should get an OK on it, they probably should phone, but it should be only in the most serious matters.

97. I USED TO SET A LIMIT ON MATTERS OF HOW MUCH OUR FINANCE OFFICE OR ANYBODY COULD SPEND IN ANY SINGLE EXPENDITURE. Once upon a time in London after they bought their composer for $900 second-hand, I said, "From now on, you can spend more than so much, you'd better ask me for my permission!" I think it was something over a couple hundred dollars.

98. SO MAYBE THAT WOULD HELP THEM MAKE DECISIONS IF WE SET A CEILING ON THE FINANCIAL OUTLAYS THEY MAKE. Then they don't have to ask us about them as long as they have either the income or the Reserves or whatever it may be. Some of those have been pretty stupid long-distance calls! They have got to learn to be a little more independent & make their own decisions.

99. I TOLD DEAR JETHRO THE SAME THING ONE TIME when he was calling me from halfway around the world wanting to know what to do about some stupid little decision that I know nothing of & had nothing to do with & he should have been able to settle himself. I was standing in a hotel lobby with about 20 people listening to the conversation & screaming at the top of my voice so he could hear me:

100. "FOR GOD'S SAKE, JETHRO, FOLLOW GOD! LEARN TO FOLLOW GOD! You don't have to call us with every little decision that you have to make! You know more about the situation than I do! You know more about the finances! You operate according to your faith, not mine! I'm way over here. I'm doing my job, I'm the Prophet of God, I'm getting the Message from the Lord, but you're not the one who is supposed to be making those decisions! I shouldn't have to make such decisions & you shouldn't have to be asking me what to do in these cases!"

101. IF THEY'RE STUPID ENOUGH TO PHONE YOU ABOUT IT, YOU OUGHT TO HAVE ENOUGH SENSE TO TELL THEM WHAT TO DO. Why the Hell should I have to make a decision? My God, you've got the money, spend it! Do it! You don't have to ask us about things like that!

102. THEY NEED TO HAVE ENOUGH SENSE & WISDOM & PRAYER LIFE TO ASK GOD WHAT IS THE BEST THING TO DO & GET THEIR ORDERS FROM THE LORD! When we're on the other side of the Earth & very busy trying to help the mission field over here & involved with a lot of new projects & missionaries & mission fields & new ideas & POOs & reorganising the whole world, for God's sake, why can't they make a tiny little decision about whether this guy should eat or not, or if a guy should move or not? Huh? They've got the money—I let them decide!

103. NOW IF THEY WERE HAVING ASK US FOR THE MONEY, THAT'S A DIFFERENT MATTER. Well, you say, it is our money & they're asking us for it. But they've got it there & they've got Reserves. They want to know if they should live off their Reserves now since they are out of money.—That's a stupid question, that's what the Reserves are for! Why do they ask that?

104. NOW IF YOU ARE AFRAID THEY'RE GOING TO SPEND TOO MUCH MONEY OR MAKE SOME RASH DECISION & waste money or something, then just put a ceiling on how much they can spend on any one major expenditure of any kind. That's not counting their regular expenses & their regular budget & their regular needs etc., but for unusual expenses. Anything out of the ordinary & above the usual I suggest you set a ceiling on it. If there's some emergency need, some unusual amount that they suddenly need, you can certainly spend up to that much without asking us. That's not going to break us up in business, nor then either. Is that fair enough? OK.

105. SO, WOULD YOU PLEASE TELL THEM NOT TO MAKE ANY $300 PHONE CALLS, or maybe $300 over a period of a month, asking questions they don't need to ask! They're supposed to be smart enough business managers & they've done a very good job at it & I trust their judgment & I trust them, & I trust God that He'll give them the wisdom not to spend any more money than they should, & of course, to spend it on things that are needed!

106. THEY CAN INFORM US LATER & LET US KNOW WHAT THEY DID, but in the meantime they should certainly be able to spend up to that amount of money for any emergency needs without phoning us or anybody else. (Marla; well, I'll just say on their side that the point was not the money, the point in both of the cases was moving those two operations.) I don't even think it should be up to us to decide that!

107. THAT MAN IS THERE, HE'S ON THE SCENE, IN THE COUNTRY. He knows the area & the present situation better than we do. It's his faith that has to do it! He chose Peru in the first place, & we agreed with him, but when something unusual came up like the war & things got hot there & hard & it didn't turn out to be as much of a bed of roses as he thought, it was going to be & things weren't as good as he thought, well, then of course it's time to navel. He shouldn't even have to ask us that.

108. HE SHOULDC JUAS TELL US: "I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN'T WORK HERE ANYMORE! It's too difficult & I can't get what I need & I'm going to have to go look somewhere else," So he does! Now it's up to him to go reconnoitre & do reconnaissance & scout around & find it! I haven't got time to do it! I don't know where he should go! God hasn't told me & I don't think He intends to tell me unless it's something very unusual & unreasonable & contrary to everything you could possibly imagine!

109. GOD EXPECTS YOU TO GO ACCORDING TO YOUR COMMON SENSE & YOUR GOD-GIVEN WISDOM, TO GO WHERE YOU'VE GOT THE FAITH FOR BECAUSE GOD GIVES THE FAITH! Now let him scout it out & find the place if he doesn't like where he is! If he's going flapping around from country-to-country & still can't find things to suit himself, there must be some reason for it, maybe God doesn't want him there. Maybe God wants him to go to the East & research those countries & help really pioneer the world of tomorrow! Forget the past! The Lord called all those countries the countries of the past. This is the future—the East!

110. TELL HIM TO GO EAST & RESEARCH THE PRINTERS & THE POSTAGE & EVERYTHING ELSE in all these prospective
locations that we have proposed. He's never really
going to find out unless he tries. Maybe he ought to go
out there & plant one bunch of seeds in one lot, then
go on to the next one & plant a bunch over there, &
the next one, & then try them all & see what happens!

110. YOU DON'T EVER REALLY KNOW IF IT'S GOING TO WORK
UNTIL YOU TRY IT! Well, I worked a couple of times in
Peru, we got two books out of it, but then things got
crowder & rougher until he didn't like it & the War
situation looked pretty bad.

112. ALL RIGHT, IS THAT SETTLED ON THIS MATTER OF
PHONING HALF-WAY AROUND THE WORLD using long distance
calls to make little decisions that they're really able &
trustworthy to handle? I know they certainly wouldn't
do anything knowingly wrong or unwise. I'm sure they'd
pray about it & even pray together about it; they'd ask
the Lord about it & do what they think is best. And I'm
sure that in that case they'd know better & more about
it than we do!

113. WE'RE CLEAR AROUND HERE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE
WORLD BUSY WITH SOMETHING ELSE! Our minds, our time &
our hands are already full with our own problems, our
own decisions, & world problems & world decisions! By
the wisdom of God I have laid down the general plan of
God's directions for us & I give that to the people,
but it's their business to carry it out & tend the
tables & do it.

114. I TOLD YOU WE NEEDED TO DIVIDE THE WORLD BETWEEN
EASTERN & WESTERN HEMISPHERES. They need to become more
self-supporting, self-governing & self-propagating.
They need to do their own managing & make their own
decisions—unless it's some Earth-shaking, World-shaking
thing that is going to have repercussions clear
over on the other side of the world or bankrupt us in
whatever! Well, in that case they'd better ask us about
it. Right?

115. SO ANOTHER PART OF THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM
IS FOR THE HAVE TO SHARE WITH THE HAVE-NOTS! The rich
West have a balance & surplus above their Income,
whereas the East with all our increased giving to
missions & missionaries & all kinds of new Units & new
Music Units & Reception Centers & new LH-Pic gifts &
new radio programmes & all is running low financially.

116. WE'RE JUST REALLY PUSHING THE EAST WHICH IS A
REAL MISSION FIELD! Which reminds me that that's the
next move the Family needs to make! They have moved
well from the North to the South—only about a third of
the Family is left in the North & two-thirds are in the
South—but they still haven't moved well enough from
West to East. According to our latest stats, we're
doing pretty good, but 53% of the Family are still in
the West & only 47% in the East. Well, that's close to
50/50 but they're too many in the West & not enough in
the East.

117. AS I HAVE ALREADY SAID, ONLY ABOUT HALF-A-
BILLION OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION LIVE IN THE WESTERN
HEMISPHERE & THE OTHER 3 BILLION LIVE IN THE EAST! So
what the Hell are most of us doing in the Western
Hemisphere, & the Family are already saturated with the
Gospel & saturated with the Family & saturated with our
Gospel! He told us a long time ago & we haven’t done it yet!” Did they send down to the church in Jerusalem & ask James to tell them if it was OK to do what Jesus told them to do many years ago?—No!

126. THEY WERE THE MISSION FIELD!—ANTIOCH WAS THE MISSIONARY HEADQUARTERS of Paul, Silas, Barnabas & the rest of them. They didn’t ask Jerusalem what to do, they asked God what to do! They sent out their own missionaries & they didn’t ask headquarters! They did the job themselves!

127. THANK GOD THEY DIDN’T ASK JAMES OR JERUSALEM WHAT TO DO! Jerusalem was in such a rut & such an Old Church situation & so disobedient to God they almost got slaughtered because they didn’t get out of Jerusalem & they didn’t go out into the whole world like they should have! They stuck around there almost till the last few & several of them got beheaded!

128. AND PAUL OBVIOUSLY DISOBEDIED THE CHECKS OF THE LORD! God tried to stop him from going to Jerusalem. He even got to one place where a prophet took his belt & tied his hands together & said “If you go to Jerusalem, this is what’s going to happen to you!” (Acts 21:10,11.) God was warning him not to go, & though he doesn’t exactly admit it, he went anyway.

129. AND WHEN THAT MISSIONARY WENT BACK TO THE HOME CHURCH TO TRY TO BE A MISSIONARY TO A BUNCH OF PEOPLE WHO COULDN’T CARE LESS, those God-empowered Jews who had already crucified the Messiah & their King & some of the disciples & were out to get Paul if they possibly could, that was about one of the stupidest things I ever heard of!

130. I IMAGINE GOING BACK THERE & STILL TRYING TO RE-HASH THE OLD APPEAL, thinking he could get those old hardened sinners converted! They had had Jesus & the 12 Apostles & thousands of Early Christians & supernatural signs & Day of Pentecost & healings & everything you possibly could imagine! They were still hard-hearted & crucified Jesus!—And they would have done the same to Paul if a dear Roman hadn’t saved him.

131. IN OTHER WORDS, THE ONE TIME THE DEAR MISSIONARY DECIDED HE OUGHT TO GO BACK TO THE HOME FIELD & see what he could do to try to get the home folks converted, it nearly cost him his life! It nearly cost one of the best missionaries the world ever had, Saint Paul.

132. BUT WHEN THEY STAYED IN ANTIOCH & MADE THEIR OWN DECISIONS by the guidance of the Holy Spirit & sent out their own people & financed them & went out to the fields they were supposed to go to, they got along fine! Praise God! So for God’s sake, you Westerners, stop asking us what to do! You know what you’re supposed to do, read the Bible: “Go into all the world & preach the Gospel to every creature!” (Mk.16:15.) Praise God!

133. “LEARN NOT TO YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING”-NOR OURS EITHER!—In all thy ways acknowledge Him & He shall direct thy paths!” (Pr.3:5,6.) Amen? You ought to be able to make your own decisions. You’re already self-supporting & self-propagating, now you need to learn how to be self-governing & stop asking us what to do—unless you can’t afford it & you haven’t got it, or unless it’s going to take more than what we give you.

134. THE WESTERN SURPLUS IS MORE THAN ENOUGH TO COVER THE EASTERN DEFICIT & the Eastern field is where we’re putting the money now & where it’s the most needed & the greatest mission field with the most people & the most workers & the greatest need. So both North & South America being more a home field should not begrudge the greater mission field of the East & the biggest mission field & the neediest mission field their little坚持 of a balance.

135. SO CONSIDERING BOTH NORTH & SOUTH AMERICA ARE ACTUALLY LIKE HOME FIELDS—supposedly great Christian areas with predominantly Christian religions—the Christian West should not begrudge the pagan heathen East a few thousand dollars to help them preach the Gospel—And they shouldn’t begrudge the workers either & they should be sending them here.

136. WE RE DOING THE BEST WE CAN! We came out here & we’re pioneering & testing & visiting & reconnoitering the field & trying to encourage the missionaries in the mission fields & supervisors, & I think we’ve done a pretty good job of it! But we’ve hardly made any progress on the POQ, we’re still not even decided on where we should have it, much less producing or testing it.

137. SO SINCE THAT POQ HASN’T BEEN ABLE TO FIND ANY PARTICULAR PLACE TO LAND & doesn’t seem to really know what to do, maybe this is one time we need to step in & tell him what to do! Because maybe the reason he doesn’t know what to do is that’s not the place to do it! When you don’t know what to do, the best thing to do is what?—Just wait until you do know what to do! So that’s one thing he could ask us & maybe that’s one reason why.

138. SINCE THAT POQ DOESN’T KNOW WHAT TO DO, MAYBE IT’S BECAUSE HE’S SUPPOSED TO GO EAST & PIONEER THAT FIELD! In the meantime, Madrid can continue to take care of world production & mailings etc. until we get the Eastern POQ going! That’s what’s holding up the works! Monday’s not holding up the works, we’re still rolling in Madrid—producing, mailing & distributing!

139. I MEAN, IF YOU DON’T LEARN BY ANYTHING ELSE, YOU LEARN BY YOUR MISTAKES, BY EXPERIMENTING & TESTING! That’s how science develops. Mara was telling me, “Boy oh boy, just think how these scientists spend years testing & experimenting before they find answers!” I got a little exasperated because I had to spend two or three hours testing different methods of recording on the new equipment here, various volume levels, various connections, various tapes.

140. THERE WERE A WHOLE LOT OF VARIABLES & I HAD TO TRY THEM ALL TO FIND THE BEST WAY TO DO IT! It took me two or three hours, but at least then I knew how to do it & I know I had the best way figured out, & I did it! Whereas before, I was in such a hurry-haste makes waste—I just punched a few buttons & figured, “I’ll just do it like this because somebody else said so & that’s what they say!” & what I produced was not so good as it should have been.
141. BUT THIS TIME I WAS DETERMINED TO FIND OUT FOR MYSELF, especially since I had to learn this new machine. So I experimented, & out of about 20 different possibilities, only one really succeeded, so you can’t always measure your success by the number of failures. After about 15 failures I succeeded with one, but that didn’t take long. It was a success & I did it & it’s great, till it’s done! So all the failures don’t count—you just need one success!

142. WELL, MY GOD, IF MONEY HAS TO VISIT 20 COUNTRIES BEFORE HE FINDS THE RIGHT ONE, THAT’S NOT NECESSARILY A FAILURE! Mary Baker Eddy, founder of Christian Science, said that every fall is a step upward I started to say every stall, sometimes God stalls us to make sure we don’t make the wrong step! If we can’t find out what it is, at least, for God’s sake, like the old coloured lady, we can sure know what it ain’t!

143. WE’VE TRIED A FEW OTHER PLACES & FOUND OUT WHAT IT AIN’T, SO THE THING TO DO IS KEEP TRYING! Maybe that’s not the place for Andy? Maybe they can handle their own. Maybe by the time War comes or maybe even before that time all the Family will be speaking Spanish & they won’t have to have any English. It’s there—and after the War they certainly won’t need much—although I’m sure there will be plenty of people in Latin & South America who will still appreciate a need English. It even after the U.S.A. is gone, if we can still get it to them. So PTL!

144. WELL, IT’S THAT SIMPLE, THE WESTERN SURPLUS IS MORE THAN ENOUGH TO COVER THE EASTERN DEFICIT! I warned you folks that this was the way it had to be done, now why isn’t it done? I told you to do it & how to pay it: Rob Peter to pay Paul! We don’t want to rob Peter, but we want Peter to voluntarily offer it!

145. PETER REPRESENTED THE HOME CHURCH, I GUESS YOU KNOW, & PETER REPRESENTED THE MISSION FIELD, so it was always the home churches & preachers who were screaming: You’re robbing Peter to pay Paul! Yes—Robbing Peter of 5% of his income to pay poor Paul the missionary five cents out of the dollar! Think of it!

146. THE SIMPLE ANSWER IS WE DON’T ROB PETER TO PAY PAUL, BUT WE ASK PETER, THE HOME WESTERN CHURCH: "WOULD YOU KINDLY SEND EASTERN PAUL ENOUGH OF YOUR SURPLUS TO COVER HIS DEFICIT?" They often did this in the Early Church. You’ll find it in Acts & in Paul’s writings etc., "That your abundance might meet their need." (2 Cor. 8:14.) They were constantly sending money back & forth from rich places & rich churches like Jerusalem to the poor places that needed it, like mission fields.

147. JERUSALEM & ISRAEL WAS THE HOME FIELD & there were still apparently tens of thousands of Christians there who should have been going to the mission field! But you know how those Jews love Israel? There they were, thousands of them stuck in the Temple! Thousands died in Jerusalem & if they’d stayed long enough maybe they’d have run the damn unconverted Jews out! But the Jews finally ran them out instead, which is of God because they were supposed to go out into all the world & preach the Gospel, not just sit down there in comfort & rich opulence in their, you might say, Western World of today, the home field.

149. SO THAT’S A SIMPLE SOLUTION FOR THE DEFICIT! Right off the bat, the Eastern deficit should be made up by the generosity of the Western churches. So the final point of how to meet this emergency & any emergency & Eastern deficits & all the rest is to do what?—Share from each according to his ability & to each according to his need, that the Western abundance might supply the Eastern lack! (2 Cor. 8:14, 15; Acts 2:44, 45 & 4:34, 35.)

150. OK. LET’S NAME THEM AGAIN & SEE: IF WE GOT THEM STRAIGHT! How are we going to meet this financial emergency? Here’s a good policy for anybody, good advice for any home, any area, our homes & churches in general: If you have a sudden financial emergency & you get in a tight spot with your finances, what are you going to do?

151. NUMBER 1: TRIM THE FAT! Number 2: Live on what you’ve got. In other words, live within your Income. Number 3: Make a cut across the board of all your expenses, trim it down within the Income again. Number 4: Warn the people to pray & to give.

152. NUMBER 5: GREATER INDIGENOUS! You know your own problems, do it yourself! Take care of it yourself! Decide it yourself! Support it yourself! Govern yourself! I would say to abbreviate it, do it yourself! That’s a term most Americans & most English-speakers today understand: Do it yourself! In other words, do whatever you can do to meet the need. Be Indigenous! And Number 6: Sharing! If I say nothing, there must be seven points!—He-God’s perfect number!

153. No. 7: I’D SAY LAST BUT NOT LEAST & ABOVE ALL, FOR GOD’S SAKE FOLLOW GOD & I KNOW I’LL SURVIVE! Obey God! Where God guides, He provides! Follow God! Obey the Lord! Do His will! As long as we’re doing what God wants us to do, I don’t have the slightest doubt that He’s going to pay for it.

154. WELL, IF HE DOESN’T PAY FOR IT, HE MUST NOT WANT IT OR MUST NOT LIKE IT OR MUST WANT US TO GET DOWN ON OUR KNEES WITH A LITTLE HUMBLE & get out & work a little harder & give a little more or whatever! There is some kind of message in it other than just trying to explain it away by every other kind of change in the weather & the climate & the geography & whatnot!—Not even moving South is enough of an excuse.

155. AS I’VE SAID BEFORE, YOU SHOULD HAVE RAISED ENOUGH SUPPORT BEFORE YOU LEFT THE NORTH!—Now as Southern missionaries you ought to have more support than ever & be better off than ever! You’re on the field where you can demand it of your friends & family & supporters back home.

156. LISTEN, I’M OUT HERE OBEDIENT GOD, DOING GOD’S WILL, DOING YOUR JOB FOR YOU—YOU FEET THE BILL! Pay me! I’m doing your work for you, you least you can do is foot the bill! Pay up, Buddy! It’s not just a gift; you owe it! Send me some money to pay me for doing your job!"

157. GET SOME OF THOSE HOME FOLKS ENOUGH UNDER CONVICTION OF WHAT THEY OUGHT TO BE DOING, that they ought
to be out there doing it themselves, & they'll sell their pants to keep from having to do it to support the other guy: "Let the missionaries do it! That's what we pay the missionaries for!" All right, let them pay the missionaries enough to do it! Amen? Those prayer letters going home ought to get those home folks up under real conviction!

158. THEY OUGHT TO TELL THEM OFF & SAY, "LISTEN! I'M OUT HERE SACRIFICING EVERYTHING!—RISKING MY HEALTH, MY WIFE, MY FAMILY, MY CHILDREN & LIVING UNDER THESE DANGEROUS CONDITIONS & IN UNCERTAIN COUNTRIES & GOVERNMENTS & CRIMINALS & TERROR & WHAT NOT, THE LEAST YOU CAN DO IS FOOT THE BILL! SEND ME THE MONEY! I'M DOING ALL THE REST! I'VE GOTTEN ALL THE RISKS & ALL THE TROUBLE & ALL THE WORK, SO FOR GOD'S SAKE, THE LEAST YOU CAN DO IS SEND ME THE MONEY TO DO IT!"

159. AND I'M SURE IF YOU WILL REALLY FOLLOW GOD & DO YOUR JOB OF MINISTRY & RAISING HOME SUPPORT & OBEYING THE LORD, I KNOW THE LORD WILL SUPPORT YOU & EVEN ENCOURAGE HEARTS AT HOME TO SUPPORT YOU! YOU NEED TO GET ON THE BALL & GET OUT THOSE PRAYER LETTERS & MAILING THOSE PICTURES & MAILING ARTICLES TO THE GOOD NEWS SO YOU CAN LET THE WORLD KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING SO THEY'LL GIVE!

160. (MARIA: DO YOU THINK THEY SHOULD DO IT THAT STRONGLY?) Why not? (Maria: Because most people automatically resist anything like: "You give it to me!") They need to get'm under conviction: "LISTEN! You want your field? Or, "You never got off your butt from home & want to see the field?" Well, that's the way I word it. You can re-word it if you want. You shouldn't blow your worshipers away, of course!

161. (MARIA: BUT THAT'S AN IMPORTANT POINT, BECAUSE THEY'RE GOING TO WORD IT EXACTLY LIKE YOU SAY IT HERE!) That's what I told them, & here I am, & they're supporting us! (Maria: Did you write the prayer letters exactly like that?) I've been writing them & you've been reading them! I said, "You'd better or else!"—And they're doing it, they're giving & tithe! (Maria: I know, but that's to the family that love you!) Money, what do you think they were to begin with, huh? (Maria: Well, they were, you know, different.)

162. ALL RIGHT, THEY NEED TO TELL THEM: "LISTEN, I'M OUT HERE DOING THE JOB YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING! You're at home not doing it, so the least you can do is send me enough out of that money & the comfortable living you're making to help me stay out here & do your job for you? That's the least they can do, right? (Only for relatives & very good friends!)

163. THEY NEED TO GET THOSE HOME FOLKS & HOME FIELDS UNDER CONVICTION: That it's not just something voluntary & "It would be nice if you'd send me a little money to help me keep from starving & having a roof over my head out here in the mission field," but that it's something they've got to do.

164. "I'M DOING YOUR JOB FOR YOU! YOU OWE IT TO ME TO SUPPORT ME OUT HERE! IT'S YOUR DUTY! IT'S YOUR OBLIGATION! It's your debt!" "I'm your employee, in a way, out here doing your job, so you should be paying me! I am the reaper reaping down your fields, & God's Word condemns the one that withholds the hire of the reaper who has reaped down your fields." (Ja. 5:4.)

165. THAT'S WHAT THE HOME FOLKS ARE DOING WHEN THEY DON'T GIVE ENOUGH TO SUPPORT THE MISSIONARIES: They're withholding the hire of the labourer who is reaping down their fields where they ought to be! So the least they can do is pay the missionaries to do the job & stop withholding their wages! Praise God! Ohy, all!

166. LORD BLESS & HELP THEM TO DO THEIR JOB & HELP US ALL TO PUT THESE SEVEN POINTS IN TO EFFECT & TO MEET THIS FINANCIAL EMERGENCY. We know that You will do Your part, Lord, if we do ours, in Jesus' name. PTL! Help them to figure out the details now, how to do it, in Jesus' name, amen. PTL! Ohy! Thank you, Lord! I WILL DO IT!


Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men: Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins always: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost."—1 Thessalonians 2:15,16.

WHY ANTI-SEMITISM?

1. THE ISRAELIS HAVE PROMISED NOT TO GET OUT OF LEBANON UNTIL THE OTHER GUYS GET OUT, & THAT'S A PRETTY FOOLPROOF SYSTEM! They almost always win. As Baglin said, "We don't bow the knee to anybody but God."—Most of the time they don't bow the knee to him until He beats him over the head!

2. SO PRAY FOR THE POOR SYRIANS! I don't know whether they deserve the prayers or not, but anyway, we can feel sorry for the poor civilians & villagers & all that really suffer, because they're always in the way & everything they've got is destroyed while the big armies are trying to reach their destinations. They plough under the peasants & the livestock.

3. (JAMES: IN ONE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE IT MENTIONED THAT THE ISRAELIS DESTROYED MORE OF BEIRUT IN TWO MONTHS THAN IN THE YEAR & A-HALF OF THE CIVIL WAR THAT WAS THERE.) Yes, well factions in the little civil war strife were mostly shooting at each other with small arms & sometimes a few rockets, very seldom cannon or missiles or bombs, & they weren't trying to absolutely blow the guts out of Beirut! They weren't bombing it with planes like the Israelis did & using huge 20cm