Tips for Leaders

Taken from Dad's Writings in the Letters

1. If you want to know exactly what a shepherd is supposed to do, he's of course supposed to be shepherding and taking care of his flock or flocks and seeing that they are properly enfolded, fed, protected, etc.

2. Every good leader is a slave to his people. Every good public servant is a real servant of the people. Those who are not is the thing we're trying to cure in our own ranks now.
   Some leaders instead of being public servants and realizing they are to be the slaves of the people have gotten the idea that the sheep exist for their benefit to serve them!

3. A leader will keep on course and try to keep others on course in the direction he's going and pull them his way. But if you have a tendency to be pulled other ways by followers, then you're not much of a leader, if you can't buck the tide!

4. So that's the secret--the Word!--the secret of power and victory and overcoming and fruitfulness and fire and life and warmth and light and leadership, everything, is the Word!--And the lack of it is the secret of backsliding and failure and coldness and darkness and weakness and dying spiritually without the Word.

5. Only God can synchronize us into anything at all effective, and unless the leadership meets together every day for desperate prayer, they'll fall on their faces, because they're not getting God's instructions! They're not listening to the Lord, or their Leader, or even to each other! They're bound to fail!

6. We're looking now for real shepherds: I want to know, where are the folks who are concerned about the sheep? Where are those who are willing to lay down their lives for the sheep, as Jesus said? "The hireling fleeth but the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (Jn.10:11-13.)
   I want to know, where are those who have been laying down their lives for the sheep? I don't want any more of these I've heard about who insist that the sheep lay down their lives for their tyrants' comfort!

7. You cannot look to your own wisdom, you cannot rest in your own understanding, you must look for the supernatural, miraculous and powerful leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit. It's impossible to solve these problems on your own. Lean not to your own understanding, but in all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths.
   So remember that you cannot possibly solve these problems in your own wisdom, your own strength, your own mind, your own understanding, your own trying to put two and two together. But you're going to have to ask the Lord by the supernatural, miraculous power of the Holy Spirit, to give you downright, outright, upright revelations, Heaven right, straight from Him, to show you exactly what to do.
   So quit trying to figure it out yourself and to reason it out and to do it in your own understanding. Get down on your prayer bones and get desperate in prayer before God! Get your leaders together and fast and pray and cry out to God as Moses and his disciples did, and as I'm sure Noah and his family did, and as David and his family did. You can read their prayers and outcries in the Bible as the prophets of God and their little groups of disciples cried out to God.

8. It really takes faith for leadership just like anything else.--Just like giving tongues or prophecy.

9. The lives and example and behavior of our any of our leaders, should be the model for which the others should be striving. They should be such an example and such a model.

10. The shepherds shouldn't be following the sheep. The shepherds ought to be going and pioneering and getting ready for the sheep to follow.

11. The quicker you leaders learn to confess your mistakes, the more others will trust and love you--and the more the Lord will use you!

12. So often we are tempted to try to cover for ourselves or cover our mistakes, Lord, because we think that our followers must think that we're perfect and we dare not make a mistake. Yet, Lord, we have found that even our mistakes have been a blessing. When we admit and confess our mistakes, and explain how we made them and why we made them and warn others how not to make the same mistakes, Lord, it has then been a lesson and a blessing not only to us but we have also shared it with others that it might help them too.

13. Let me tell you, beloved, as leaders, whatever you do, don't trust just the one person's side of the story--you'd better be sure you get the other guy's side too!

14. You don't always have to give people an answer on the spot, or make an immediate decision! If you don't know what to do, be honest and humble, and admit it, and say, "I'm sorry, but I don't know"!

15. You are no exception! Nobody here's an exception! I'm not an exception! I don't dare get away with anything, or the Lord will slap me down like He did this past month!

16. Any employer, any general of an army, any political leader, any spiritual leader should always be looking around for talent and preparing it and using it all he can use it, always!

17. We're like the shepherds going ahead of the sheep to see what is on the road ahead on a dangerous path or mountain pass, and testing it and checking it to see if it is safe for the sheep, finding the pitfalls and noting the danger spots, etc., to warn them and to make sure we can lead the sheep through safely.

18. We're inclined to sort of not want to offend people, and not want to poke and be too nosy. But I want to tell you something right now, I am a doctor, believe it or not, and when there's trouble, it is my business to get nosy and to poke and probe and question and find out what the problem is! And you as leaders ought to learn this lesson--don't just take people's word for it!

19. Good leaders are those who never do anything they can get someone else to do for them!--Only do the things which you alone can do and must be done by you only!

20. I saw a sign on the grocery store wall one day: "Work your eight hours a day and don't worry--maybe someday you'll be boss, work 16 hours a day and have all the worry!" So don't want to be the boss, don't want to be the leader, it's a tough job, as you can see.

21. Some of you folks need to pray for the gift of the discerning of spirits, especially if you're going to be spiritual leaders. If you can't sense and see and be aware of the Devil's devices, you are ignorant and going to be totally unprepared and unarmed for his dirty work.

22. Every good leader must be aware of the practical as well as concerned about the spiritual.

23. Woe to the children of David that hear not the words of their Shepherd and care not for the sheep!

24. You've got to give credit where credit is due! Even though people go astray, you shouldn't forget all of the past and the good things they did do. Some people, the minute somebody makes a mistake, they want to forget all the past and all the good they ever did and all the good job they've done. A leader catches a guy in one thing and he forgets all his past loyalty and his past faithfulness and rakes him over the coals or tosses him out or something instead of being a little patient and more forgiving.

25. A tyrannical spirit makes a leader like the Devil, the first would-be dictator, who didn't want to listen to either God or the other angelic forces! Obviously the majority of them were opposed to his rebellion, for when he leaves Heaven at the start of the Tribulation he'll only take one-third of them with him! So he and his demons are in the minority, thank God!

26. We certainly have found out in the Family and in the Lord's Work that teamwork is so much more important than individual leadership.

27. Your new young Colony must learn to operate under its own leadership according to its own faith and by the ways and means that it feels led are best for its particular habitat and surroundings. It must learn to let God lead and "For God's sake, follow God!" under His personal guidance by His Word alone!--Hallelujah?

28. If you ever need to learn a leadership lesson, it's this: Don't ever be late! You're a dandy bad example when you're late, and your people will do just as you do, as all their people did!--Always late, never on time, and always rushing around at the last minute, driving like mad ,and risking their lives to try to get there--late! They couldn't be on time, they were never early, just always late! That's a terrible way to manage your time.

29. I don't think you can ever really be a good leader, a wise humble leader, until you've pulled some awful boners and made some terrible mistakes and committed a few sins and really blown it a few times yourself. For one thing, you'll never be humble enough unless you do.

As long as you're pretty perfect and you haven't made many mistakes you're going to think you're really something and you're doing pretty good. And then you're much more unmerciful on those who do make mistakes. But don't your mistakes make you a lot more merciful on those who make mistakes?
You'll be much more merciful to those who follow you if you yourself realise how much you need mercy! I tell you, when you need a lot of forgiveness and you need a lot of mercy it sure helps you to extend it to others, amen?

30. Most of the decisions--great decisions--that I have made in my life as a leader have been lonely decisions where only I and God stood together, and the whole world stood against us!--Sometimes even my family--sometimes even those I loved the most! They have been mountain peaks of decision, with nothing but thin air between me and the next peak, and I had to take that step alone, and trust God for the consequences, with no guarantee but God, no warranty but His Word--all other conditions being against it-all natural circumstances being opposed to it--the waves and the winds fighting against it--and all I had was the Hand of God!
But he never let me down, even if he had to pick me up by that hand and lift me across to that next mountain peak, without any visible, natural, normal, logical, reasonable means of help!

31. You cannot look to your own wisdom, you cannot rest in your own understanding, you must look for the supernatural, miraculous and powerful leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit. It's impossible to solve these problems on your own. Lean not to your own understanding, but in all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths.
So remember that you cannot possibly solve these problems in your own wisdom, your own strength, your own mind, your own understanding, your own trying to put two and two together. But you're going to have to ask the Lord by the supernatural, miraculous power of the Holy Spirit, to give you downright, outright, upright revelations, Heaven right, straight from Him, to show you exactly what to do.
Now this is what we've always been dependent upon: he's the one we've always had to look to for leadership in all the former decisions and in the laying of plans and programmers. Some of you know me well enough, you've lived with me long enough, you've watched me in operating long enough to know that I never make a decision on my own if I can possibly help it.
I never ever make a snap judgment or usually even a quick decision. Some people get very impatient with me because they think I'm so slow, because I can't give an immediate answer. This is because they're giving too much credit where credit is not due, and that's to me--that I am the one that ought to know, and I'm the one that is making the decision. But you know me well enough by this time, and you know by our history for years now, that this is not so.
Most of the time I don't know what to do. We always have to ask God and look to Him for His direct revelation, or His impression, or His leading, or His burden, or His guidance, with it being confirmed by the mouth of two or three witnesses, or by His Word, or by some fleece, or by some revelation, or by some leading. God has always worked with us that way.
We've tried never to depend upon our own wisdom, our own understanding, or what we think is the thing to do, but to look directly to Him and expect His direct revelatory, revolutionary, immediate guidance.

32. The leader above all, must be a man in tune with God, in close communication with headquarters, God's Headquarters, and all he should have to do is pass this word on to his officers, and see to it that they see to it, that it's carried out. Praise the Lord? Amen.
His job is not tending tables, but listening to God, and giving God's orders, tending diligently to the ministry of the Word and prayer. Of course this doesn't mean just sitting around on his fanny in perpetual meditation doing nothing, but it requires a lot of hard work, prayer, study, teaching, and action in direction to see that it's done, which includes a lot of direct supervision, correction, demonstration, counseling, conferring, deciding, ordering, planning, surveying, investigating, choosing, analyzing, calculating, counting the cost, seeking God for the answer, etc.
His is a night and day, 24-hour-a-day job. Everybody else does their job, takes their time off, goes to sleep at night, and doesn't worry; but the Leader has to be thinking, praying, planning, and deciding all the time, at least one jump ahead of the rest, so he'll know what to tell them to do next.

33. I'm not so smart! I don't know anything but what God shows me, and I just pass it on to you. Everything God shows you always works out! Praise the Lord? Thank you Jesus for Thy temple, the temple of Thy Spirit, where we can have truth and rest unto our souls! Isn't He wonderful? Then why don't you spend more time with Him--alone with Him? If you love Him so much, why don't you act like it?
Well, you say, I've been busy herding sheep, But how do you know how to herd them, or where to herd them, or anything about them unless you learn from the Chief Shepherd? How do you know where He's leading unless you follow Him? He knows where the green pastures are, and where the mountain passes are, and where the cool waters flow! He knows where the falls are, where you'll be safe and secure. He also knows the woods in which the wolves hide, and He knows the danger spots, and you'd better stay close to Him, for I'm telling you, you don't

know much at all! You're going to be in trouble! All we have to do is follow--stick up your little antenna and get the signals and follow! Amen?

34. Most of the gifts of the Spirit are not showy gifts, they are the gifts of wisdom and knowledge and faith and discernment and things which are not so showy, not so obviously supernatural, but things which are the most needed and the best of all the gifts if you're going to work for the Lord! If you're really going to do things for God and be led of His Spirit, they are the things that you have to have in order to be a real leader for the Lord!

35. Good business management and organization is the life's blood by which this outfit operates, as well as the Spirit! Of course, without the Spirit, we're nothing! Without the Lord we're nothing! No matter how good our business management and ability and leadership and organization might be, without the Lord it would be an empty shell, a bunch of dead machinery just running like some of these churches! Like the little girl said about the kitten when she heard it purring: "It's gone to sleep and left its engine running!" Well, God help us never to do that!

36. It's only a novice, a new baby or junior executive who wants to be the boss and order everybody around! When a baby is born, let me tell you, he is the boss! He tells everybody what to do, and if they don't do it he screams his head off, and they have to do it or else! At first he really pretty much gets his way, so he has to be taught to listen to others: He has to learn to obey! He has to learn to cooperate and to work together. So it is only the baby, the brand-new not-yet-dry-behind-the-ears executive, who tries to run everything and boss everything and push everybody around and tell everybody what to do!

37. "He that would be greatest among you, let him be servant of all!" (Mt.20:27) A leader must always be willing to do whatever needs to be done. If there is nobody else to do it or nobody else wants to do it or is willing to do it or can do it, he must always be willing to do anything he is asked to do or that he sees needs to be done that nobody else is doing! To me, that is the greatest sign of really great leadership.
    I've found that great leaders are usually the humblest of all people, willing to do anything, and really don't even feel worthy of their great responsibilities at all. They feel much more worthy of cleaning toilets and things like that than the big job that God has trusted them with because they were faithful cleaning toilets.
    "He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in that which is much", and the inference is, he that is unfaithful in that which is least, will also be unfaithful in that which is much. (Lk.16:10.) If you can't trust somebody to take care of the baby or to do the cooking or clean the toilet when it needs to be done and there's nobody else to do it, then you can't trust them to be World leaders either!

38. If God finds you will obey in the little things, and that you will wash the dishes or wash the clothes or vacuum the floor when you're told to, then He knows He can trust you to tell you what's next! But if you're not willing to keep busy just picking up papers in the yard or whatever else it might be, why should He tell you anything else?
    Most of the greatest saints I've known were little people who just did what they thought should be done--without anyone hearing about it or even knowing they were around. But they were always there when you needed them, always quick to jump and always willing to see a need and respond. And to me, that is the greatest sign of really great leadership: Being willing to do whatever needs to be done! If there is nobody else to do it or nobody else wants to do it or is willing to do it or can do it, we should always be willing to do anything we are asked to do or that we see needs to be done that nobody else is doing!

39. You need to apply to yourself what Jesus said to the self-righteous hypocrites, "you need to learn what it means: 'I will have mercy and not sacrifice'!" You need to learn what that means. We've forgiven some of you leaders for a whole lot more than what you've condemned some of these babes for, and some of the people I was ready to throw out, you in mercy loved back in, so, for God's sake, let's remember that only Jesus can do it, and quit trying to legislate righteousness. It's a gift of God! Let God do it!--Love never fails! Jesus never fails!

40. The Devil had to have leaders to help bring the world to the brink to work out God's purpose to show that the best of them couldn't do anything but make a mess without Him, and that's true of our leaders and that's true of our workers. I don't care how good they are, the best of them can't make it without the Lord and without obeying Him and His leadership!

41. I expect my leaders to be idea people and think of things on your own--you're closer to the details. You're closer to the trees than I am. I have a general view of the whole forest and I can see where there are general needs or if there's a forest fire coming or what we ought to do with sickly areas of the forest, if there's a blight or things like that. But you've got your nose up against local areas of the forest and local trees and you should be able to know what the local need is, the immediate need of your particular areas of responsibility. Therefore you should come up with time-saving, money-saving, personnel-saving and labor-saving ideas on those details!

42. Spiritual leaders are not tending tables, spiritual leaders are ministering the Word of God! They're supposed to be able to tell the people what to do, what the Word says to do, and to guide them spiritually. But then they have to make their own decision, they can't expect the leaders to make all their decisions for them and solve all their problems!

43. Are you going to be good shepherds or are you not?--Are you going to be obedient to your Chief Shepherd, or are you not?--Are you just hirelings, who are there just for the hire not because you love or care for the sheep? Are you hirelings who couldn't care less for the sheep, who are just there for the pay, because you like the work, but the sheep are falling over the edge, or starving, or cold, or getting ripped off by the wolves?
Jesus said the hireling careth not for the sheep--just for himself! He's making sure he's warmed and fed and clothed and protected, but couldn't care less for the sheep!

44. Any truly good leader welcomes questions, suggestions, and even contrary ideas to his own! He knows he needs to see all sides, and to weigh them in the balance of his judgement, prayerfully before the Lord, and try to agree together on a unanimous decision if possible! "And it seemed good to all of them"! Hallelujah! Most of you top leaders who have worked with me for years know that when it came to making any major decision, I have nearly always called you in, tried to present all sides of the situation, described the conditions, possible alternatives, probable results of each, and asked for your suggestions and comments, and what you thought we ought to do about it. Even though the Lord has usually already revealed to me the answer, I like to have the confirmation of two or three or more witnesses and your agreement! This encourages my own faith, and helps me to know that it's the Lord!

45. One of the greatest dangers of leadership is man worship! One of the greatest temptations of leaders is to accept the praise of man, against which God's Word warns us, because it can destroy you and your leadership. Don't praise me,--praise God! I'm not wonderful!--Jesus is wonderful, and without Him I can do nothing, and am nothing, and the quicker you get your eyes on God, the better off you'll be, because no matter what happens to me, if your eyes are on the Lord, you'll keep on going for Him, because it's Jesus you're following.

46. Every great man and woman of God I ever knew had to get away from the mob most of the time in order to get alone with God, be inspired, receive the revelation of his plans, and be both spiritually and physically refreshed.

47. You'll never be a truly great leader--you'll never be a truly great pastor until you learn to have compassion on the sheep--until you learn to have great love and great mercy. Sometimes we feel we can't stand it or we'll weep. We feel we can't be so tender-hearted, so we feel we have to harden our hearts in order to bear it! But that's not the solution! But rather, cast thy burden on the Lord and He shall sustain thee!
Getting hard and tyrannical is a fleshly compensation. It's not the Lord's solution. Prayer: Jesus, Jesus! We need you, Jesus! Gentle loving Jesus who wept for the multitude, who was so weary, and yet He came forth and looked upon the multitude and had compassion on them and healed them; as exhausted as He was, He didn't harden His heart!
You didn't harden your heart, Lord, but you had compassion upon the multitude. You stayed tender, quiet and humble. You wept over them time and again. You wept over the hardness of their hearts. What grieved You more than anything else was their hard hearts--even those whom You would have gathered unto You. You didn't want to see them suffer and You wept for them. Help us not to get hard. We're so used to seeing problems and difficulties. Because we're in a hurry, the quick way is to harden our heart. We don't take time to soften and melt and love and care for them. We want to break them right away quick, instead of gentling them. We want to lay them flat instead of dealing with them and probing and gently trying to heal. We want to delve in and slice and cut and enjoy the bleeding, instead of being like the osteopath, who tries to find natural means to cure the disease, and tries to find the root of the problem. We slice away at the symptom and cut away the cancer and quickly try to chop off the arm or the leg without trying to find a way to heal the wound. We just cauterize with the sword heated in the fire, and we burn and injure even more sometimes. Help us, O God, not to get hard!
Help us not to judge them with harshness, Lord. I'm so guilty, I don't want to be judged harshly, so it's not hard for me to have mercy! You're so good to me, Lord, when I've been so wicked and such a failure, so I understand how You can help me to be merciful and patient and long-suffering and kind. All these things take time! Chopping off an arm in a sudden operation--that doesn't take time, and it sometimes kills the patient! But natural ways take time: A change of diet, a change of scenery, the encouragement to exercise, trying to coordinate. Such gentle leading of the blind, such tender understanding of the feeble-minded--these things take such time! You could slap them in a padded cell and put them in a strait-jacket and let them go mad through such harsh treatment, or we could put our arms around them and encourage and inspire and show we have faith in them.
This takes time! We're in too big a hurry sometimes. It's like getting angry at a little tiny baby. How many years it takes to grow up and for parents to teach and to train them to feed themselves and go to the bathroom--years of love and patience; yet the parents don't give up and get angry and throw them out just because the children can't do everything themselves! Help us to have patience, help us to have love. Help us to be easier on the spiritually

and physically handicapped! It takes time to change the diet, establish the exercise, to realize they have to have more rest than normal people--that we can't push them so hard. It takes time--on our most uncomely parts we do bestow the greater care! Comfort the feeble-minded. Harden not your hearts! Help us to be willing to take time! This being in a hurry is a lack of faith--that it's got to be done right now, or it won't be done. We're trying to do it in our own strength!

The only way we can be patient with others is to know what a hopeless case we are ourselves! You've been so gentle with us--not rewarding us according to our iniquities. You've been so patient and loving!

If there's anything we show these kids, help us to show them tenderness and gentleness--that they are so dear to our hearts--that You've gone so far out of Your way--Your hands are torn by the rocks and thistles in rescuing these little lost lambs. Help us to take them in our arms and hold them close to our bosoms and nurse them back to strength and health and wholeness! Help us, O Jesus!

Thank you, Lord! O, thank you, Jesus! Lord, if you're anything, as we see you there, you're the picture of patience, calmness, love, and gentleness, long-suffering--the picture of tenderness, gently wooing like the dove, cooing like a dove--easily frightened away if met with hardness and resistance. You don't try to force anybody, Lord. Your Holy Spirit gently descends, and can be easily shooed away. It doesn't land where it's not wanted. Help us not to be like the eagle who pounces upon its prey and sinks its talons in it, and devours its prey. Help us to be like the gentle dove of Thy Spirit!

Lord, you're pictured as a little lamb--you're a gentle, tender lamb--a little, tiny lamb--not a beast of prey, not a ravenous, merciless, cruel monster, but a gentle, harmless lamb, who allows itself to be eaten to bring life and strength--who allows itself to be devoured to bring life and nourishment to others--who lays itself on the altar of sacrifice, and who allows itself to die that others may live! Help us to be like Thee, O gentle Lamb of God! Give us Thy Wisdom, Thy Patience, Thy Mercy!

48. As some of you who have worked so closely with me know, when it came to organising a new team or staff for some new project, mission, or colony, it was always my policy to call together the leaders involved first, discuss the personnel possibilities with them and the Lord, including the pros and cons, assets and liabilities, needs and lacks, strengths and weaknesses of both the individuals involved, the jobs they would be leaving, and the new job they'd have to fill, how much the vacancy would hurt, who could possibly fill it, how suited they were for the new job, and how happy they would be in it. We leaders would then draw up a prospective list of candidates for the new project, and then go around to the individuals involved, and try to sell them on the idea, and persuade them to volunteer, show them the need, why they were best suited for it, how they could be spared from their present job, consult with them on who could fill it for them, and their own qualifications for the new job.

49. Why do you wait to pray, Beloved? Instead of having to wait for someone to pray, you ought to be stumbling all over each other! You ought to all feel like praying at once! I hang back because we as leaders have to try to teach you to take the lead and try to help you to learn to pray out and help to lead. We can always do it for you, but that'll never teach you anything. That's just like parents, it's always easier to do it for the child than it is to teach the child to do it for themselves. I don't know why you so hesitate to pray when I ask somebody to pray!

50. There are certain secrets in Heaven, there's a certain amount of security in Heaven, there are certain things that they don't tell everybody, not even other Angels, not even the good spirits of the departed! God has His Own security system. We have very similar security in our own Family. I've often told leaders, "Don't tell anybody anything that they don't have to know!" That's the safest method of security.

51. Shepherds, when you have a problem to handle or a decision to make, don't be afraid to call your leaders together for prayer, discussion, and unanimous agreement! This is the way the Early Church was run, and the way any wise leader will operate! Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the Law of Christ! (Ga.6:2) I even ask my little secretary what she thinks about this or that, and she always has some good ideas! Of course, I don't always agree with her, but that's life; but then, sometimes she's right! Try it! Since you're the leader, and will be held accountable by God and man, you must finally decide!

52. We are all spiritual leaders really, particularly if we have children. If you are not leading anybody else but leading about a sister with a child or children, you have become a spiritual leader, whether you like it or not and whether you know it or not, and you must learn how to govern your own family or you will never learn how to govern the Family of God, as the Apostle says. (1Tim.3:5.)

    You certainly cannot be trusted to rule over the kingdom of God if you have not learned how to rule your own family in love, in patience, in faith, in meekness, in gentleness and quietness, praise God?

53. I have cautioned leaders time and again, "Don't you ever give them orders to do so-and-so, make a certain move or do such-and-such a thing!" Those of you who know me, my policy has always been, "How would you like to do so-and-so? Would you like to do so-and-so?"--To present the invitation! It's not an order but an invitation, a privilege to do this job or that job or live in this room or that room or whatever little thing it might be, or the

schedule or your job or whatever. I even ask you, "What do you think is the best time for you to have Class?" I don't order the Class at a certain time. We agree together, we counsel together, we make decisions together. Decisions which affect the whole Body, the whole Home, we should get together and counsel about. You do in your own meetings. That's why I let you have your own meetings completely without our presence every week so that you can make your own decisions of the things that affect you personally and your schedule and your housing and all the rest!

54. We know there are some leaders who are not obeying, which means they are not receiving and believing the Letters, which means they don't believe in me, and if they don't believe in me, they ought not to be in this outfit! They certainly ought not to be in positions of leadership if they themselves are not shining examples of obedience and faith in the Word! We are discovering some leadership that is obviously like that, and their whole structure is crumbling.

55. If God says "Go!" and it's His Will, you'd better go, no matter what, and He'll take care of you! Don't look at the waves! Keep your eyes on Jesus! Obey Him!
    But to do this, you have to keep in touch with him, keep your spiritual radio on, and follow His directions! He's not limited by many or by few! He doesn't have to have anything to begin on! He made the world out of nothing--Pretty good old world, isn't it? He hung it on nothing--Hangs pretty good, doesn't it? And he can make something out of nothing--even you, if you'll listen, trust, and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey! Are you doing both? The one cannot go without the other! You can't obey without trusting, and you can't trust without obeying! It's two way street! And you've got to listen to do both!

56. Your officers will continually run to you for as long as you're handy when they should be learning to seek the lord about some of these things themselves, and learn some of the responsibility for which god is trying to train them to take your place--or their own, as the leader in some other field!
    Usually the only way you can do this is to become completely and totally unavailable, at least some of the time, if not a good deal of it, to force them to make decisions, find solutions, seek god and handle situations without you, so that you will be freed for the things they cannot do, and so that they will be trained to someday be free to do the same!
    As long as you are there within reach, they won't do a thing without you!

57. You, the leader, are the soul doctor and you must find out what the real trouble is, whether curable or incurable. If incurable, like the leper with an incurable case of leprosy which might also infect and destroy others if you don't act quickly, you must get them gently but firmly out of the camp as soon as possible before their critical, negative and half-hearted rebellious attitude spreads to others who are weak. You may do more damage to the whole body by trying to keep the gangrenous member, than if you cut off the hopeless case!
    Some complaining devils don't even want to leave your midst, because then they couldn't cause you as much trouble. They just want to stay and be a problem child and take hours and hours of leadership time wasted on them, while they're only trying to get attention and cause you trouble. Others who really want to go, you waste hours trying to dissuade, and then, when all is said and done, they still go, so all your high-powered persuasion was in vain!
    For God's sake, if they want to go home, let them go! Don't try to hang on to them, or you'll be sorry! We don't want that kind of disciple.

58. It is normal for women leaders in the family to have special followers, certain people, who love them dearly and are willing to do anything they say, will lay down their lives for them and follow them around constantly in faithful service. They need this kind of helpers!

59. I do not believe that leaders with broken marriages and broken homes and broken families of young children are good examples to the flock when fathers and mothers are separated and children must also be divided at a young age. If you cannot keep your own marriage and family together, how can you expect to unite the Family of God?

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