

Comments
for
Board of Directors' Meeting
January 3, 1978

This is the Work of the Living God.
It is not the Work of men. We must
never forget this. Jesus Christ heads
this Work and I work through and for
Him. All of you work for me. You are
all accountable for your work as I am
to God but I am responsible to God
for your performance as well as my own.

I am God's Apostle. I was appointed
by Him. I am not retired. I am not
permanently disabled. I am making a
sure and sound recovery. I am not
dead.

Day by day administrative matters
and the execution of policy decided
by me have been delegated by me to

Garner Ted Armstrong and to others who have been appointed by me or by Garner Ted Armstrong with my express approval.

I will continue to make all policy decisions whether they be policy decisions concerning doctrine or secular affairs.

Before we take up certain matters today, I must remind you again that everything we do or try to do must further the fulfillment of the Great Commission, which is:

" To spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world as a witness unto "all" nations by radio, television, the printed word, and by personal evangelism; and to feed and sustain the flock. "

Everything must be judged in light of this Great Commission and whatever does not further its fulfillment must be modified - improved, or jettisoned. Whatever is too costly must be similarly treated.

With this in the forefront of our minds, let us now turn our attention to a few concrete matters about which I have some specific comments to make in their entirety.

1. I have received Mr. Rader's resignation as Vice-President for Financial Affairs. He reminds me that this is what I had agreed to last July. However, I do not choose to accept his resignation at least for the calendar year 1978. Thus, Stan, I now ask

you to remain for another year as Vice-President for Financial Affairs.

2. The Vista del Arroyo property, Big Sandy, Accreditation, and the Academic Budget are all interrelated and as I address myself to them, one by one, please keep the interrelationships clearly in mind as I have in dealing with them.

a) Regarding Vista del Arroyo-

I have never sought this property because I have never wanted to accept government aid. I have always been opposed to the acceptance of governmental aid, of

this type in particular,
and I am, thus, not in
favor of accepting the
government's offer to
convey the property. I
direct the appropriate
officers of this
corporation to so notify
the appropriate
governmental officials
of this decision.

- b) Regarding Big Sandy --
Upon the termination
of our academic programs
at Big Sandy, I took it
for granted that we would
dispose of our complex
there at the earliest
possible opportunity,

just as we have been trying for some time to dispose of our holdings in Bricket Wood upon the cessation of the academic program there. Naturally, I would hope that any sale would include a provision permitting our use of the property, particularly the tabernacle and administration buildings, during the Feast of Tabernacles. Therefore, I direct the appropriate officers of this corporation to begin an *effort to find a buyer at the best possible price.*

c) Regarding Accreditation--

I have never been in favor

of accreditation. We

are not and can never be

committed to the

principles of higher

education as those

principles are interpreted

by the Western Association

of Schools and Colleges.

We have taught and we

must still teach that

modern education is

decadent. I reluctantly

gave my approval that the

process of accreditation

be explored, but the

results have been as I

had expected and as

confirmed in a memorandum

prepared for me by
Mr. Helge last July.

I will never give my
approval to such alien
concepts as (1) academic
freedom, (2) tenure,
(3) faculty and/or
student participation in
the administrative affairs
of God's College. Nor
will I ever permit the
Living God to be directly
or indirectly relegated
to the sidelines.

Hence, I see no valid
purpose to be served in
a continuing quest for
accreditation.

d) Regarding the Academic
Budget -- I have been

considering whether we should even remain in the college "business" at all. We have provided the Work with an educated ministry and we can continue to provide new ministers and to continue the education of our present ministry more effectively at a far lower cost, by a ministerial training center. Furthermore, we cannot continue to spend so much of our annual budget on an academic program when other needs of the Work are not being satisfied

because of a serious lack of funds. For example, the inadequate coverage in media has resulted from a lack of funds needed for that activity. Therefore, during the next few months we must thoroughly rethink our approach in this area of the Work. (And certainly in time to make a decision before the scheduled reopening of the College for the term 1978-79.)

3. Regarding the Foundation and Quest/78-- I approved both the Foundation and

Quest/78. I know that Stan Rader and Robert Kuhn have been very accurate in predicting the results of their creative efforts. I have personally seen what the Foundation and Quest/77 did for me and the Work during my efforts abroad these last three years. I have not read Quest/77, but I did give my whole approval and authority to Stan Rader to get the best and to make Quest/77 a success. I know that it has been very well received everywhere that it was designed to go, particularly in certain circles where we would be

unlikely to reach directly
with our other efforts.

It has given us much prestige
and much help in countering
the attacks of our enemies
because of its impact on
persons in the highest
places in the community.

But, I am aware that there
are certain problems that
have been created by the
Foundation and by Quest/77
in particular. Much of
this difficulty arises
from the failure of some
members and even some
ministers to realize that
Quest/77 was not designed
to be a vehicle to reach
all persons or to reach

any person directly in biblical idiom with a biblical message. In addition, there has been some concern within the Church when articles or illustrations have appeared which seem to be in conflict with our basic underlying values and which seem to be in conflict with our basic teachings. We must strive to eliminate this confusion and to be of one mind concerning the effectiveness of Quest/77 as a means of getting the Gospel to the world. Furthermore, I am aware that

the Foundation and Quest/77 have had an impact on our budget greater than I had anticipated and perhaps greater than foreseen by our financial men. Accordingly, the Foundation may have to be curtailed or even abandoned if it is costing too much or if it is keeping us from fulfilling our work in other areas more directly connected with the Great Commission. As to Quest/78, the same is true. Its cost to the Work must be reduced or it may have to be sold, or even abandoned, if its continued publication will impair our ability to fulfill the Great Commission.

I believe that all other matters can await the next meeting of this Board or action by the Executive Committee which, as you know, is comprised of Garner Ted Armstrong, Stan Rader and myself. I shall attend the opening of the ministerial conference tomorrow and I have reviewed the major doctrinal papers with my son Ted, Wayne Cole, Brian Knowles, Robert Kuhn and Stan Rader. I shall then return to Tucson where I shall continue to spend much of the winter regaining all of my physical strength. As you are probably aware, when you spend a few months in bed it takes a while to recover all your physical strength. However, I shall be conferring with my son, Ted, as well

as Stan on a regular basis and I
welcome visits from any of you in
the coming weeks. I shall also
welcome telephone calls from those
of you who would like to discuss
Board matters or affairs of the Work
but are unable to come to Tucson.