

"THE HAND OF THE DILIGENT . . .

. . . SHALL BEAR RULE!!"

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"And he that overcometh and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations, and he shall rule them with a rod of iron." (Rev. 2:26-27)

These are no sweet and gentle platitudes that Jesus Christ spoke, and yet His name is one that has been ridiculed and blasphemed down through the centuries more than any other. Whenever we hear the name of Jesus Christ we think of some effeminate, long-haired, weak individual who seems as though he could scarcely lead a duck to water. The reason we have this concept of Christ is due to Satan and his conniving scheme to deceive the whole world. Satan wants to obscure the truth about Christ--that He was a man of dynamic personality and leadership, whose masculinity and fine qualities of character caused thousands to follow Him that they might hear Him speak, especially concerning the good news of God's soon coming Kingdom.

I doubt very much whether today's so-called Christians realise that they are supposed to be qualifying at this very moment to rule the world and to develop qualities of Christ-like leadership. To be able to rule with a rod of iron in God's Kingdom, we must develop these attributes. Yes, we are to be kings and priests on this earth (Rev. 5:10), but it is going to take an entirely different sort of individual than the purposeless type who sits in the pews on a Sunday morning in the many churches that fill our land.

To the true Christian these awe inspiring promises mean business, hard work and study. QUALITY!

Generally due to our background, many of us on being called into God's Church basically fit the description of the called out ones in I Corinthians 1:26-28: "Not many wise, mighty or noble are called." However, we have no reason to become discouraged or fainthearted about our predicament. God, through Jesus Christ living in us, has made it possible for us to train and to learn how to qualify to be successful kings and priests NOW!

Obviously there are people in God's Church with more talents and abilities than others. Some have had previous training in leadership, for example, military service, but for the majority this is not the case. Yet, if you have not had any previous experience, this could be to your advantage as you might have less to unlearn. Whatever the case may be, do not get disheartened. Regardless of past inferiorities or

inabilities, as long as your heart is right there is no limit to what can be achieved in this life time, let alone in a future eternity. "The eyes of the Eternal run to and fro throughout the whole earth (God's Church and College) to show Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him!" (IIChron. 16:9). Remember, it is the attitude that God is looking at in an individual.

It is to a man who is devoted to the Eternal and diligent in his studies and prayer life that God will give the opportunities. For it is God who promotes a man to an office and a position of authority (Psa. 75:6-7). "By me kings reign, and princes decree justice. By me princes rule, and nobles even all judges of the earth" (Pro. 8:15-16).

For the present it seems that the quickest place where one can learn to qualify to be a ruler, and where the most opportunities are given for producing such character is at God's colleges. If a student does not strike the iron while it is hot during his college career, he will feel left out of things when he stands before his Lord and Master. "What did you do with all those opportunities that I gave you?" He will ask. How can we answer such a question? However, you can be assured of one thing: that all the students that have passed through the ranks will have to give an account for their talents. Remember, don't bury talents while you are here, but use and develop them all you can.

At Ambassador College many opportunities to rule arise, for example, as house and room monitors, class or club officers, or in the various jobs in which you might be employed. Are we successful in our jobs or responsibilities? In most cases we are over one or more students, but are we respected and loved, and do we have command of the authority given us? Do we, as leaders, have the approbation and respect of those underneath us? Are we men of tact when dealing with fellow students? What is our approach toward others--for not all cases warrant the same treatment. These and many other questions have to be asked, considered and answered.

First and foremost we must go to the right source for help in these matters of rulership. This, of course, is God. "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" (James 1:5). Remember, "Wisdom is the principle thing; therefore, get wisdom, and with all thy getting get understanding" (Pro. 4:7).

Wisdom is the right use or exercise of knowledge, and understanding comes from the right use of this knowledge (Psa. 111:10). The source of that knowledge is God's Word, and henceforth will be our criterion. King Solomon is a very good example of this approach and also as an example of a right attitude. For convenience's sake, change some of the words to suit your particular case:

"And now, O Lord my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David, my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in. And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which you have chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge your people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?" (I Kings 3:7-9). Notice that this prayer pleased the Eternal (v. 10).

Solomon recognised his inability to rule. He knew he did not stand a chance of doing so unless he had God's help in all affairs concerning the state and the prosperity of Israel. It was because of Solomon's attitude that God gave him such great wisdom and understanding. Can you remember when you were given a responsibility over others? Did you approach God in this manner, asking Him for similar attributes? Have you striven for all these qualities?

- 1) HUMILITY--A willingness to stoop down to serve others, for example, Moses.
- 2) VISION--Keep the goal in mind. Be aiming for something, no matter what you are doing.
- 3) FAITH AND HOPE--These go hand in hand. Faith is the absolute assurance that you know God is right behind you. Hope is the quality you have when you are not absolutely sure that what you ask for is God's will, and yet you know God will bring it to fruition according to His will for the benefit of everyone.
- 4) DETERMINATION--Real will power. No will means no character. Will is what sets our "car" in motion.
- 5) ZEAL AND ENTHUSIASM--This propels you in you activities. This putting your "Car" in motion. "What ever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might". (Ecc. 9:10).
- 6) STICK-TO-IT-IVENESS--Perserverance--this is a law of success. It is only those that endure to the end that shall be saved (Matt. 24:14). This principle applies in anything you want to succeed in.
- 7) CONTINUAL RELIANCE ON GOD for everything.
- 8) ABILITY TO GUIDE OTHERS--Know more in your field than those whom you are leading.
- 9) SEEK AND RIGHTLY USE COUNSEL--Remember you do not know every thing.

"Every purpose is established by counsel and with good advice make war" (Pro. 20:18). Realise your limitations-- that you can't do everything.

- 10) BE ABLE TO SACRIFICE--Deny yourself, for the good of your men as well as yourself. Be willing to give of your time.
- 11) EVERYONE HAS MADE MISTAKES--Be able to accept misfortune; don't cry over spilled milk, and don't despair. Be able to see and admit error and then turn from it.
- 12) BE ABLE TO TAKE ORDERS--Obey in the smallest commands. Learn to be under authority. Remember, the hand of the diligent shall bear rule. (Pro. 12:24).
- 13) KEEP IN GOOD HEALTH--Have some form of physical exercise. However, your health doesn't have to be perfect.
- 14) BE ABLE TO THINK--Put into practice resourcefulness, which is law number five for success (see the booklet, "Seven Laws of Success"), and find a solution.
- 15) DILIGENCE--This ties in with thinking and using your mind. Perform a menial task well for if you are not diligent in the smaller projects, you will not be in greater responsibilities.
- 16) DEPENDABILITY--Can you take a message to Garcia? You know that it is said that many a person is called kind, which is a fine quality, but a trustworthy man is a rare find.
- 17) ABILITY TO WRITE AND SPEAK WELL. Generally speaking, most leaders have had these abilities.
- 18) CAPITALISE ON YOUR STRONG POINTS and minimize your inabilities.
- 19) PROFIT BY EXPERIENCE--Those of your own and those of others, in both successes and mistakes. Note Bible examples.
- 20) LEARN TO HAVE GRATITUDE--Always give thanks for all things (Eph. 5:20).
- 21) LOVE GOD, PEOPLE AND YOUR WORK--Love is the strongest force in the universe and can win many to your side.
- 22) RESPECT OTHERS--That does not necessarily mean agree with them. Be willing to overlook their failures as no one can afford to throw stones.
- 23) BE THOUGHTFUL AND CONSIDERATE OF THOSE BELOW YOU.

- 24) BALANCE in all things, for example, have a sense of humour and have temperance.
- 25) LEARN TO INSPIRE OTHERS--Set the right example, get out in front and show the way. Stimulate them to better and greater works (Heb. 10:24).
- 26) BE HONEST AND TRUTHFUL AND HAVE DEEP SINCERITY--Have conviction that your cause is right. Be willing to tell the truth even if it hurts.
- 27) A STRONG DESIRE TO SERVE--Be willing to get in and help whenever needed or necessary.
- 28) BE GENEROUS with your time and money.
- 29) WISDOM in regard to time. Put first things first; master your time and use it wisely.
- 30) MEDITATE ON GOD'S WORD and PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING!--You need divine guidance; be in a constant attitude of prayer.

These qualities of leadership are not necessarily in order of importance. As you can see there are very few people on this earth who have been endowed with such gifts. More than likely most of the people God places in authority seldom have more than half of these qualities, but perhaps a few do. If a man is wise he will realise his short-comings and will rely on God implicitly for help. How many of these points do you have?

Joshua realised his inadequacy when he was given complete charge of all the tribes of Israel; but God gave him the encouragement that he needed.

"Only be you strong and very courageous that you may observe to do according to all the law....Have not I commanded you? Be strong and of good courage, be not afraid, neither be you dismayed: for the Eternal your God is with you whithersoever you go" (Joshua 1:7-9).

We, too, have this fantastic backing when God puts us in a place of rulership, that is, if we know that to be true and step out in faith.

Student Government

The success of a college year in many respects is based on whether the student government is working efficiently and (according to the principles of governmental law set down by God's Word.) Remember, the people are what the leaders are.

The leader's personality is reflected in the people. It is especially noticeable in a smaller company of people. For instance, the conduct and discipline of the student officers has much to do with the conduct and attitude of the students under them.

Through the following pages, starting with the setting up of the student council, all matters of diplomacy, tact and problems will be discussed, and especially the approach to the many difficulties that arise and how best they can be solved according to God's way.

In choosing men for the different responsibilities--whether it be house or room monitors, class officers or any other office--the general rule taken by those in authority is found in Exodus 18:21. Here Moses was faced with an overwhelming problem: ruling the children of Israel. To cope with the affairs and problems, to have them handled justly and efficiently, and to insure a smooth-running government, this is what Moses did with God's help.

"Moreover you shall provide out of all the people able (qualified) men such as fear God. Men of truth, hating covetousness and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

This principle is used at Ambassador College, but, of course, on a much minor scale. However, we will elaborate a little more on the qualities of such an individual promoted to an office. He must be a man of wisdom, discernment, prudence, fortitude, judgment, doing all for God's sake and having love towards man, to promote general good welfare of the student body, never distorting judgment, nor showing partiality or being a respecter of persons. These principles are emphasised also in Deuteronomy 16:18.

One of the greatest attributes, I feel, that any successful leader must have is complete allegiance and devotion to his superiors--loyalty to God's Church and college, and to those above him in rank. In other words, a person whose heart is in God's Work goes a long, long way with the Eternal. To a degree this quality will cover up many other faults you might have for the present that will be changed over a period of time.

The student body president who has the willing and complete loyalty of his senior officers and leaders will have an efficient, smooth running student body. It says, "A man backed by a brother is in a strong position, as well placed as a powerful citadel." (Pro. 18:19 Moffatt)

I don't think there has been any leader anywhere in this world who hasn't made enemies of some sort or another, yet there is a trump card we can have in our possession. It is one that God gives us if we are doing what is right and just in our own lives: "When a man's ways please the Eternal, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him" (Prov. 16:7).

If you are wondering whether you would like to be in a respected student office or position, then think on these things--deeply! See if you come anywhere near this standard.

As we have Moses' example of being advised on how to control the affairs of Israel, so we have King Solomon's example of how he organised the most fantastic and wealthiest empire of Israel in I Kings 4.

In order for Solomon to keep proper control of the empire, to understand its needs, and to solve its problems, he had his faithful officers--delegated with their particular responsibility--coming in from time to time to report on the situation and conditions prevailing in their area.

Here at College, we also have a similar set up in order to keep abreast of all student problems and activities. There is the weekly student council where class presidents present their report, class projects, ideas and impressions of college conduct. Also following in the same pattern are frequent house monitor meetings where, if any problems arise, help and advice can be given. Different ideas are brought up and discussed between the president and the house monitor for the benefit of the whole student body.

Unity in the different classes, the separate houses, and between the houses plays a very important part in the efficient functioning of the whole college. This necessitates a definite set policy for the student conduct and life, with all officers completely conversant with the policy, understanding fully what is required of them in carrying out all of its proposals.

Since it was Solomon who had a well organised kingdom, is it any wonder that he admonishes us many times to take council when we form a plan, have some policy when we make war (Pro. 20:11)? Solomon says that wise men are better than warriors, brain is better than brawn; for you need policy in war. Also he tells us that where no council is the people perish: but in the multitude of councillors there is safety. (Pro. 11:14)

This then is how many student problems and activities are discussed and solved. Whatever is too hard for the student body council to deal with or whatever needs permission from higher authority for any ideas or activities, it is taken to the proper faculty advisors for their consultation and advice as to what would be best for the college and the students.

The personal factor in leadership is very important; in unifying the college, especially when it comes to accomplishing various projects.

What I mean by the personal factor is the proper relationship between class presidents, house monitors, and room monitors and the ordinary students under them. This, of course, brings

out the facet of respect that goes with an office. Proper and due respect to any office, regardless of the individual, is the criterion as far as God's Word is concerned (Num. 12:1, I Sam. 24:1-7). However, there is a lot a man can do in any office to gain proper respect automatically, if he applies certain principles and tactics.

What really holds a man's position is mercy and truth. If his office is upheld by mercy, it will be preserved (Pro. 20:28). For in all matters of truth our conduct is God's Word (John 17:17). Mercy, on the other hand, is pity and pardon for the undeserving and the guilty. For example, you had given a responsibility to someone and he makes a hash of it, failing to carry out your instruction properly. Naturally you haul him in. You point out the mistakes and he sees where he went wrong. His attitude is a repentant one, so you give him another opportunity to make good if he wants to take it. This way you can renew and inspire confidence in him to do a good job the next time and redeem himself. Besides, you can win his respect and support by giving him another chance and not rejecting him as a failure.

Avoid being picky about small things and treating those under you as if they were children. People that try to establish their authority by "lording" it over others, so to speak, are generally very unpopular.

Actually, a man having this problem is basically unsure of himself, having a terrible inferiority complex. As a general rule, they are constantly aware of others and their authority, and a state of friction is always present.

To avoid such problems and violent struggles for power, get your senior officers together. Know your men personally and put them in the picture concerning all policies, projects and activities. Point out their personal responsibility involved in each case and show what is required of them to help unite God's College into a closely-knit body that is a malleable, yet dedicated and efficient group in God's hands.

Yes, a leader must have a friendly personality (Prov. 18:24), a deep concern and respect for those underneath him in rank, even visiting them when they are sick. Always back up your officers in front of the men, whether they are right or wrong. That way you maintain the respect and discipline all around. You can always correct any errors privately.

As far as discipline is concerned, once a law has been established, it is up to all in responsible positions to see that all rules and laws are obeyed. To show partiality to a friend that has broken a law is to be a respecter of persons, which is a sin (James 2:9).

Once your men are with you and understand the policies that have been established, encourage them by using the powers of persuasion rather than force. Think out your approaches in what and how you will say things in regard to different plans, ideas and correction. Delegate more responsibilities on your men if they can take them -- if they are capable and reliable and if they are the men for the job. Inspire confidence in them to do the project that you want done. However, always leave the door open for them to refuse. It is a good test to see if they can see the opportunity to serve and put their heart in God's College.

When every class president and house monitor has his men fully behind him and they are carrying out their responsibilities, regardless how small, they in turn are completely behind the president of the student body. As a result, the overall conduct of the college and its affairs become an easy task because everyone is pulling their weight, from the least to the greatest.

With everything running in a well organized manner, it makes those under authority feel happy and secure, even though they might not agree necessarily with everything at first that is set up.

There are various ways a class president or house monitor can inspire confidence in his men for the common cause of the College. That is by having class meetings and discussing class policies, plans, collecting ideas for any projects that they are training for higher responsibilities if they make good in all the opportunities given them.

This enthusiasm for God's College must be instilled into all members of the student body. Where the class president leaves off, the house monitors take over, and in a smaller way, yet just as effectively, the same tactics are applied in developing a right sort of pride for one's own house or class. In the process they learn how to look after and rule God's property. They learn to develop good healthy living habits and Christian companionship.

It is sometimes good to have the policy put in written form to make something of lasting value and to remind the men of their purpose.

To give you some idea of what I mean here is the policy of Holland House (1963-64) compiled by the house monitor for his men:

"We COULD be, but we ARE not and never WILL be just a collection of individuals who live in the same place.

"We know as individuals we MUST strive to set the pace and be provocative examples in college life and affairs. We know also we MUST STRIVE to set the pace and influence student affairs as a GROUP -- as a UNIT -- as a TEAM -- as HOLLAND HOUSE.

"At our college -- Ambassador College -- education goes on long after the "time-up" bell for the last class has finished sounding. It goes on in the living quarters and in the dormitories and in Holland House.

"Christ learned many things and qualified to rule the world as a carpenter. David -- King David -- had his education as a shepherd; and Peter and Andrew as fishermen on the great Galilean Sea.

"We believe -- we know -- a goodly part of our education, for now and for future usefulness, takes place in the dormitory in Holland House. The principles and lessons we learn here are valuable. Some of those are the principles used to run cities and countries and nations and CONTINENTS -- and in the future we hope to have a hand in that.

"Here is education in human affairs and in unity -- education in team work and in reliability -- education in organization and leadership -- and most of all EDUCATION IN SERVICE!

" That is why EVERYONE in Holland House has a JOB TO DO -- why everyone has the opportunity to contribute with his shoulder at the wheel -- to give of his time and to exert himself for the efficient running of the house and the "above and beyond" ventures that we must undertake as a house, for the influence and for the service of Ambassador College community."

It is a project like this that binds a house or class together as one team -- all fighting for the same purpose.

To ensure continual growth and good conduct of the student body the administration of discipline and correction must be upheld by all student officers. It must be properly handled with wisdom and with a genuine concern for all in order to help as much as possible a guilty party back onto the "strait and narrow". The right amount of discipline with everyone knowing where they stand creates an atmosphere of security and unity. If there is anyone who does not wish to comply with the set rules of conduct for student life then they should seek an education elsewhere because the standard is very high at Ambassador College.

Generally the administration of punishment for laws broken is easily taken care of. However, the jurisdiction of correction at college by students in offices of responsibility, in many cases, is handled incorrectly and invariably ends up with mistrust and bad feelings all around. Also many people that used to confide in certain leaders for help and advice don't any more because of their approach and tactlessness in handling such affairs of the students.

First, we must realise where there are people living together, problems are going to arise -- not only in conduct -- but also with personality clashes, which if brotherly love is to be continued will have to be solved.

To get both sides of the story in the matter of correction, let us take a typical example of a problem that arises between room monitors and their roommates.

In some, but not all, cases when correction has been given by a room monitor because maybe the student did not fully understand the instructions or advice, goes out seeking sympathizers and in the process denigrates his room monitor.

We call this type of an individual a spiritual coward. He doesn't have the intestinal fortitude to go and face his room monitor to get the problem or personality clash worked out.

The underlying principle given for any misunderstanding between brother and brother is found in Matthew 18:15: "Moreover if your brother shall trespass against you, go and tell him alone: if he shall hear you, you have gained a brother. But if he will not hear you, then take one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established."

This we do if a room monitor gets no satisfactory results from any admonition given. He then takes that matter higher to his house monitor. If the problem is too hard for them, it is taken to the proper authorities without delay.

In many ways an individual has plenty of opportunities to change his attitude before he gets into really deep water.

Crimes, therefore, according to the severity, are immediately taken to the higher echelon of authority and subsequently dealt with.

There is sometimes the reverse case. A room monitor sees a problem with one of his roommates and instead of seeing and helping him personally, the monitor makes the mistake of going straight to the house monitor and lets him deal with the individual. There is nothing wrong in a room monitor seeking advice from a senior monitor as long as he deals with the problem himself. It is good not only for his experience, but it is his responsibility as the room monitor.

Unfortunately when this does occur, usually respect, and in many cases friendship, is lost by the individual and the room monitor concerned -- unless immediate action is taken to rectify the situation.

Coupled very closely with correction is personal advice, and there are, on occasion, times when you will find yourself in a ticklish situation. For example, because of attributes you have of being tactful and trustworthy (Pro. 13:15 - 13:3 - Proverbs 20:6 -- Moffatt), many people confide in you. There might arise a time when a very close friend tells you of some weakness of some serious offence he has committed. He says that he has repented of the act, but for some reason he could not keep it bottled up to himself so he tells you because you are his trusted friend.

However, because of the nature of the crime, (for example, smoking, necking or masturbation), you thought that the ministers should know of the incident. But, how can you help your friend without losing your friend's confidence in you, and still let the ministers know?

Here is the answer. God says that a true friend is one that is honest with you (Pro. 24:26 -- Moffatt). Advise him that he ought to go and seek counsel with one of God's ministers and encourage him as much as possible along these lines. If he cannot or will not go, then explain that if he will not go then you will have to go to the ministers to help him. If he respects you as a friend he will probably take your advice and go to the ministers on his own volition.

By this approach on the matter you will still gain the respect and honour from your friend and justice is done.

One question arises: That if you see some misdeed or act that you know to be wrong and breaking college rules? Do you run and tell someone about it? Or do you turn a blind eye, so to speak, on the infraction and kid yourself that it is none of your business, going on your own sweet merry way?

There is a proverb that says, "He that winks with the eye causes sorrow" (Pro. 10:10). This means if you close your eyes on a crime that you have seen committed and do nothing about it, then in God's eyes you cause sorrow. Not only do you become an "accessory after the fact" by not revealing the truth, but also your brother will more than likely continue in his sin, getting in deeper and deeper until one day he is suddenly done for. You could have saved him from this fate had you gone to him as a brother told him his fault, and if it was a serious offence, advised him strongly to see a minister.

You see by a strong piece of correction early it could turn a sensible man from his sin or problem to the road of success and in the process you have gained a friend.

Once you know of some wrong that has been committed and has been dealt with by the proper authorities, then a wise leader will keep his mouth shut and forget it. "He fosters good feeling who keeps quiet about some wrong, the man who gossips about it divides friend from friend (Pro. 17:9 -- Moffatt).

A leader respected for his integrity will have many secrets given to him as well as the confidence of many friends. If you have a loose tongue you will lose all honour. Notice, a gossiping fellow will betray secrets, but a trustworthy man will keep a confidence (Pro. 11:13 -- Moffatt). Remember, "He guards his life who guards his lips: he who talks freely -- it is ruin to him."

The hand of the diligent bears rule. When God grants an individual promotion with more people under his jurisdiction coming to him with all sorts of problems, especially about other people, he needs to be in close contact with God. For instance, when a trusted officer comes to you with a problem about someone else, take heed how you hear -- not that you would doubt your loyal friend's information, but unless you are very careful you might make a rash judgement. This would be foolish as you probably don't have all the facts.

The attitude of one who is in a responsible office of rulership, who is a Christian and has God's spirit dwelling in him would be this:

"Love is never glad when others go wrong. Love is gladdened by goodness, always slow to expose. Always eager to believe the best, always hopeful, always patient and very kind." (I Cor. 13:4-7 -- Moffatt)

This I find is an excellent guide before making any final decision on anyone. As the Apostle Paul says make love your aim; it precedes everything else in the Christian life.

This brings out one of the final attributes of a leader of which an example is set by Jesus Christ Himself, King of Kings, Lord of Lords: "That whosoever will be CHIEF among you, let him be your servant. Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:27-28). Just as our Master's example was so must we be willing to serve all those underneath us and even be willing to die for any of them.

For a student at Ambassador College, each year, whether he or she realises it or not, is a very crucial one in their training to be useful servants in God's work. Generally this is not recognised by students until their third or even fourth year at college. This was vividly brought home by a personal message given to the graduating class of 1963-1964 by the Chancellor of Ambassador College, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong. The stirring contents of the message are constantly remembered by the class members in their effort to really want to serve the rest of the student body. This inspiring message that rallied the seniors to action to serve is an example of another way that a ruler can stir his men to action:

"You are now a fourth year student at Ambassador College. That means this is your crucial year. Extra responsibilities may be delegated to you this year for special training before you graduate.

"You should now begin to look toward the future. God's work is far, far from finished. The most important part of the work remains yet to be done.

"Did you ever stop to think about WHY God keeps expanding His work by 30% each year -- why it DOUBLES in size and power every two years and seven months? That is because three years from now He expects more than twice the amount of progress to be made than we are accomplishing this year. Or, mathematically figured, it means that three years from now more must be accomplished in that one year than in the entire FIVE years that ended when you were a third year student.

"God could have started His work out in a BIG and MIGHTY way, letting it shrink smaller every year -- but He didn't. He does not expect less and less to be done each year -- but 30% more each year than the year before. The things of GOD, through human instruments, must GROW.

"That means we, as individuals, must GROW every year. Will YOU grow 30% this year in the "knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ?" That is, in Bible knowledge -- in character development, in ability to DO?

"As rapidly as you develop capacity to handle it, we shall try to give you additional opportunities for service. But don't think of it as additional honour to please your vanity -- but as additional opportunity to help and to serve. Do you realise the wretched condition of this world -- the wasted, empty lives the poor health, the sickness and disease, the starvation in half of the world, the poverty, the constant threat of war, the insanity, the crime, the suffering, frustration -- and DEATH?

"Wouldn't you like to be able to have a real PART in changing all that? Well, that is precisely why God Almighty singled YOU

out from among millions of others, and brought about circumstances to cause you to be here. That is WHY you have been given already the knowledge and training you have had in Ambassador College. And THIS is the year you must start putting on the finishing touches of that training, for a BIG part in helping CHANGE THE WORLD, and prepare the WAY to usher in the new, better, HAPPY WORLD TOMORROW.

"You, under God, are to have a BIG part in banishing sickness and suffering, poverty, crime, war and everything WRONG in this world today. But TIME IS SHORT! Only a very few years, now to go! But in just ONE of those years we CAN -- we must -- accomplish MORE than was accomplished in all the first 25 years -- a whole quarter of a century since God started this phase of His work through me. So you see THERE IS TIME -- because God is expanding His work so a TREMENDOUS work may soon be done in one single year!

But we are going to have to GET AWAKE -- get a real deep down sense of URGENCY -- take it in dead SERIOUSNESS -- drive, DRIVE, DRIVE OURSELVES!