

# DAILY LESSONS IN TEEN TRAINING!

From Naomi (Age 13 1/2):



## Cheer Up the Adults!

A few days ago at class, Auntie Sara told us that a big part of our job & ministry as children & teens, is to really cheer up the adults & show them lots of affection & appreciation, because it means a lot to them & sometimes it really makes their day if they get a little bit of love from us. A lot of the adults have forsaken a whole lot to be here, like mates or children & any little bit of affection & love, just coming up to them during the day & giving them cuddles & talking a little bit with them really means a whole lot to them, TYJ!

## Why Are We Here?

Auntie Sara gave us a talk on how when we leave here all the physical & practical things we've been learning will not be what's important to share, but our spiritual lessons. The most important thing we're here for is for the spiritual lessons, not the physical. We're getting the practical training at the same time, & that's good. These physical lessons that we're learning here teach us spiritual principles.

But if we're not yielding faithfully & cheerfully to these things, then we won't pass the tests other places either! If we're just stuck on the physical & on the laws, then we're not following the spirit & we're not really understanding the main point. The most important things for us to learn, & the most important things that we're going to carry with us out of here that we've learned are the spiritual lessons. If we're still having problems yielding & submitting & receiving, then we haven't accomplished our goal here!

I know that was a really good lesson for me, because sometimes when our pow-wows were getting to be a little long, & I had work to do, I tended to get a little bit impatient, & think "Oh, when is this thing going to be over?"—which is really bad because now I realise that that's the main thing we're here for!—for the things we learn in these pow-wows, & the lessons that she shares!

Of course we can be a help throughout the day, I know I can be a help with my typing & kitchen work & the other girls can be a help in their childcare, & we can be a big help to the Home, but the main thing we're here for is for the lessons that the adults are sharing with us in our pow-wows. So now I'm trying to really pray for Auntie Sara while she's giving pow-wows, that the Lord will show her anything else that we need to work on & anything else that she needs to talk about, & that we'll be a receptive audience & make a vacuum for her, so she'll say more.

## Grandpa's Example of Desperate Prayer

A lesson that Uncle John shared at Sunday Fellowship really spoke to me. It was about praying before you do something—that it can be like vain repetition if you don't really pray throughout the whole job. I know that sometimes I'll pray, for example, before dish put-away, that the Lord will keep & protect us & we won't have any accidents. But then if we start getting silly or just kind of forget & begin thinking of something else, you can drop something & break something. And then you say, "Lord, why did you let that happen? I prayed against accidents before." It can be just vain repetition to pray before you do a thing, if you don't continue in the spirit of prayer & going slow & asking the Lord for help while you continue working. Uncle John said that Grandpa's always like that.—You can just feel the spirit of desperate prayer & going real slow before he does anything & really thinking about it & praying about it the whole time he's at work!

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From Leah (Age 13 1/2):

## Redeeming Each Hour!

In my personal life I've been learning to assess things in the proper priorities & learning to organise my time better. Of course, it's pretty easy for me because it's almost all done for me as others organise

our work schedules by the hour. But I've been learning how to organise my project hours & word hours & really set goals & redeem the time & try & find times where there isn't something real special planned, so I can work on extra projects. That's real important, because like Auntie Sara said, if you're not challenged or you're bored, it's not because there isn't enough challenging jobs & things to do, it's maybe just that you're not organised!

I know that most of all it just takes self-discipline & really putting your mind into captivity & not daydreaming & forgetting what you're doing, but just to press in with the time the Lord's given & not waste one minute. Time is so short.

Like I said, here everyone organises our schedule for us, but if I go somewhere else, it's really important to learn how to get my priorities straight to be able to do more for the Lord, and not always settle for something that's the second best. Maybe your shepherds don't know if you waste 15 minutes in your schedule in your project time, but the Lord sure knows & it sure adds up when you come to the end of the week & even 15 minutes a day all added up, really can make a lot of wasted time.

#### Going Slower & Being More Prayerful

Another good lesson was to have more of a quiet & prayerful spirit in the kitchen & everywhere, actually. If I have a hasty spirit or pushy spirit, then I start dropping things & breaking things & being more accident-prone. So I had to stop & pray & ask the Lord for more of a slow prayerful spirit, because also it goes along with the lesson I'm learning on foolishness too. If I go too fast, it could result in a real big accident. Learning to become a responsible person, we really can't afford to have a hurried spirit, especially being around children, because they really pick it up.

It is a real unloving spirit to just rush around & bang around & not be considerate of other people's quiet time even in the room. It manifests itself in lots of ways, so it's really important that I make a conscious effort to go slow & pray whenever I feel that spirit coming up.

#### Wholehearted In Spirit & Countenance!

I've also had to watch the spirit in which I work. Like not to go too fast & not to go too slow, but to do my tasks with real inspiration. I've really been asking the Lord to give me more of a cheerful countenance so I can really

show others that I'm really happy to do the jobs. Sometimes I am happy, but if I don't show it on my face to others, or manifest it or make a point to manifest it, then nobody will know!

The verse we claimed was, "Not slothful in business, but fervent in spirit serving the Lord."—To be real fervent in our work & just put our all into it, like everything depended on it.—Just to do it for the Lord & Grandpa & not have our mind occupied with other things or be worried about our own little different projects afterwards, but just put my all into that job right then & have a real glory in the thing I do.

#### HC Teaches Me to Fight the Devil!

The HC's have been a real blessing to me because whenever I start thinking something that's not right or start justifying myself or start getting critical or start getting too hurried, or these thoughts come in that worry me, I have a picture in my mind, like in the Heaven's Children, of the little imp sitting on my shoulder & I rebuke him & rebuke the Devil, because we can have the power over these things. It's just really the Devil & little imps that come & sit on your shoulder & whisper these bad thoughts. But if you just rebuke them, the Lord will never fail!

So often I have just let them go on by & agreed with them & compromised & thought it was all right to think a few justifications or anything like that, but like the verse says, "Give no place to the Devil." So it's been really good for me to open my eyes more to these things & how real they are & how I really need to fight the Devil when these things pop up in my mind, & to really resist the Devil & then he'll flee.

#### On the Attack Against Forgetfulness!

One thing that happened to me this week was I was getting real forgetful with my little jobs. It was getting me real discouraged because I would just keep forgetting things & I'd keep having to be reminded & get demerits, but it just didn't seem to help. Until one day my kitchen overseer told me something that really spoke to me: If you have your whole heart into what you're doing & you're not thinking about what you're going to do when you're let off work, if your full heart is into serving the Lord & the job that you have, then you tend to be more prayerful & "single-minded" & ask the Lord more for His guidance.

There's nothing I can do, really, to help my forgetfulness aside from just really praying & asking the Lord to help me, making

a real conscious effort to pray! Every time I have something to remember or think I'm going to forget something, to ask the Lord to remind me. Also to not be lazy but go on the attack & be full-hearted, because there is always a reason why accidents happen & things are forgotten. So PTL.

### The Privilege of Serving

The Lord reminded me again of the joy & the privilege of being here, that I should be willing to just do any job, no matter how menial or even how "unfair" I think it is that one person gets to leave their mess if suddenly called away to do another job & then I have to go clean it up. But to just be ever so thankful for every job I get to do, because first of all I'm here, & second of all, even if I was in a normal Home on the field, I should still be that willing. If I'm not that willing here, how can I be willing there, because it's such a privilege to be in the Family—one of the very chosen few in the whole World. Every little job should be such a privilege & such a blessing. I should be ever so willing to just do anything for anybody, just for the Lord & the work, & for souls, actually, is what it really amounts to. PTL! What a vision!

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### Filled to Overflowing with the Holy Spirit!

From Ruth (Age 12):

I asked for prayer on Sunday & TYL, it was really beautiful & I really was delivered, I know, of many different things. I feel much much much more inspired & really happy & different now that I've asked for prayer. It all started one morning, after we read, "You Must Obey the Least of These Commandments", when I realised I needed to ask for prayer. I wrote up my request for prayer to read at the Sunday Fellowship Meeting.

Naomi & I both asked for prayer. Auntie Sara chose Heaven to pray for me, then Leah prayed for Naomi (so the girls could learn also how to pray for others too). After Naomi prayed, we were all praising the Lord — I had asked especially for the Holy Spirit because I don't remember when I asked the Lord for the Holy Spirit, because it was when I was only two or three. After Naomi's prayer, we were all praising the Lord when Uncle Mark started speaking in strong tongues. He then got a prophecy about how we just have to ask & receive whatever we want, & that the Lord will give us power to tread



on serpents & scorpions & over all the power of the Enemy. It was really beautiful & I just started crying & crying.

Previous to this, we had been learning about tongues, so when we were all praising the Lord, Auntie Sara suggested that just us children praise the Lord & lift up our hands & start speaking in tongues & just love the Lord. It was a little quiet at first, & then it was getting more powerful, until we were all praising the Lord & speaking in tongues. (Sara: To encourage the teens & children to all freely praise & love the Lord & speak in tongues, I suggested the adults all lay hands on the ones closest to them & pray for them in tongues & rebuke the Enemy & fight for them to make a real breakthrough in the Spirit, as the teens new to our Home were quite inhibited & unsure about it all. So the adult one-on-one prayer power helped to give each one a real boost & extra dose of HG power! PTL!)

Then Uncle Mark played some songs on the guitar & we started singing "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes Unto the Hills" & then we all started singing in tongues! Next we sang, "Oh That Man Would Praise the Lord for His Goodness". It was really beautiful & I really felt inspired & refreshed & changed after that!

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### HOW WOULD I CHANGE?

Summary of Lessons from Leah!

From Leah (Age 13 1/2):

What would I do differently if I left here & what personal things would I change if I went back to the Home where I was living before?

One area for sure that I would definitely try to be a sample of is in the importance of the Word in my personal life & taking each moment that I have for the Word

seriously & not wasting it in any way. Also regarding prayer life, especially with the children, I would strive to teach them how to really pray & how to acknowledge the Lord in every area. This sure has been the sample that I've seen in everyone here!

### Willing & Cheerfull

If I had a second chance I would really want to be much more cheerful & willing in all the jobs & little things, because I know that before, I really wasn't happy doing these jobs & I'd just do them out of duty. Now I feel much more the joy of the Lord & more of a vision for these jobs, whether it be childcare, training or teaching a child, kitchen work, or typing or whatever.

Previously, some people needed my help a lot with their children & I thought, "Well, it's my job so I need to do it, that's what I'm here for after all." But I didn't really have that joy & that real fight & initiative to really get into it & put my whole heart into it for love, for Grandpa, for Jesus & just to help! I see how much I failed one mother in that area & really everyone there. I know I hardly ever could really answer a plea or a person asking my help with a full-hearted, "Yes, Ma'am" or a really cheerful attitude both on my face & in my heart. Then if I don't take the children with real willingness & cheerfulness, it rubs off on them & it's just not possible for them to be happy if I'm not!

I know so many times before, adults would get quite aggravated at that & have to sock it to me for me to get the point & then I'd feel all hurt & all offended & misjudged, when actually I could've remedied the situation by just being more willing & seeing the need more & having more compassion on the people in need & really making myself available—To do it for Jesus & for Love!

### Planting Seeds of Love!

In my personal life, I would really want to have more of a spiritual relationship with those people around me, because before I had more of a buddy-buddy relationship with girls or nannies & nannies. Of course they would correct me sometimes, but we wouldn't really ever talk about spiritual things, but unedifying things, & be too familiar with each other. In the future if that situation ever arises again, I would much rather have more of a spiritual relationship & bestow more love & encouragement & take that relationship as a real golden opportunity to really love that

person. Like in "Love Is the Most Important Thing", I'd want to make it a new challenge to be loving, & make it a special project to go out of my way to help that person. Love can really make a difference in people, just the way you speak & the encouraging things you say instead of seeking love, seeking encouragement, seeking their love—to really bestow it on others!

### Love Makes Things Easier to Take!

Certain people have planted a seed of love in my heart through their encouragement & their love & it has really stayed with me & I always love those people so much for their love & even correction! And normally because of our close relationship, whenever they corrected me it didn't really have to get to the point of a bawling-out, but they would catch any need to correct me early because of our heart-to-heart talks. They would be able to explain to me in a real loving way & share with me the Word on it. Because I really loved those people, I really didn't want to disappoint them! I think that is what really has helped me to change & really receive things, is when I have a real big love for somebody!

I really want to learn to sow love & share the Word with others & so then they'll really trust me. Of course I don't plan on correcting people too much, I don't think it's particularly my place at the moment, especially with my elders & adults. But if I'm ever in a situation where there are other teenagers around, I want to know how to do it in real love, lovingly & slowly telling them in a real meek & humble loving way. Especially when someone really loves you & you really love them, it makes correction so easy to take, like from Grandpa & Mama & Auntie Sara & Uncle Mark. When you really have a love & trust for somebody, you really don't want to fail them & you want to do your best because you love them so much so you take heed to their warnings or their counsel.

### Pray Before You Say!

Also I'm learning to ask the Lord about things before just speaking out & saying them. I know for one thing that it never works if I try to just spout out a correction at someone condemningly or too bossy or even making it look too obvious like I'm correcting them. But every time I go out of my way & say it sweetly or even ask them to do things, they always are so sweet & receptive & say yes all the time. So that's something I'm learning & that goes right along with the lesson I asked for



prayer for yesterday about criticising others. I know I shouldn't completely stop telling people things when I see something wrong, but I should say it in love & not in a condemning way, in real humility. I should point things out because I love them & not because I'm trying to get even, or any kind of selfish motives or critical thoughts or self-righteous thoughts because I think I'm better in any way. So that is really an area I've learned a lot in here & I really would definitely try to really put it into practice in any kind of relationship or situation.

#### A Good Sample!

It's very important that my outward appearance is good too, like I've been learning to put up my hair or keep it out of my face, keep my face clean, wash in the morning, wash my pum, be mindful of my underarm smell, or making sure I have clean panties, trimming my pum hairs, cleaning my ears, not picking my nose, etc. All these things are a very big sample because "man looketh on the outward appearance" & your outward appearance tells a lot about the inside of you! So people are bound to always look at your outward appearance.

#### Childcare is Leadership Training!

I'm still learning a lot in childcare & really have more insight into teaching children. I didn't really think it was my ministry for a long time but actually that was probably just my own unwillingness or laziness, because I had such a hard time teaching them things whenever I tried. But maybe I was just not using the right methods according to the Letters. As Grandpa said, childcare is something every woman sooner or later ends up doing. It's really a challenge & it's kind of like working with people too, it's really learning to teach them, to love them.—Like I was sharing about the teens, learning to take care of them & woo them with love & also how to be firm.

#### Constantly Looking to the Word!

I know one thing that really spoke to me is how the Letters say not to just lecture all the time, but to point people to the Word, always give the Word as an answer. So if someone has a problem, point them to the Word, don't just try to rattle off in your own strength. Also if I have a battle, I want to just immediately look to the Word & not think of anything else but just look to the Word first & seek my answers from the Word.

The Word projects that I've read recently were so encouraging & so feeding! It's so true that the Word really does it & nobody had to sit down & lecture me on what I just had united prayer for, but they just pointed me to the Word & that's what really did it! The Word just brings life & it really brings understanding & it reveals & shines light on these dark areas.

In my Word projects that I've been reading one thing has really spoken & shone out more than ever—Yieldedness, which I really feel I need!—To yield & to forsake myself, to forsake being myself any more, to forsake my past, to forsake the way I used to do things, but just to yield to the Lord & want to do everything He wants me to do & be willing to put others before me & to really follow the Letters in every area.

I know it's really the Word that brought the victory & nothing of myself in any way, but it's just the Lord & the Word. I really want to stand on the Word & learn how to quote Scriptures & really fight discouragement & the Devil's attacks.

#### "Brother Sun"—Learning About Dropping Out!

The movie "Brother Sun" really impressed me, especially because we watched it after reading "Revolutionary Discipleship". Some of the adults have said how that movie really helped them make a decision to forsake all & follow the Lord & drop out & it really influenced them a lot. I made them really want to search & find the truth. It was the same with us too when we watched it, we were kind of deciding if we were going to really drop out & want to do our best for the Lord & if we're going to forsake ourselves & our past & everything & make a real effort to drop out & be revolutionary disciples for the Lord & His Family!

That movie was really good, especially because we saw it with Auntie Sara. I saw it once before & I didn't really understand it so much because I was young & I was a little afraid. But seeing it with the running explanation just really had such a very big impact & it just goes right along with what discipleship is about & what the Family goes through when they want to forsake all! Then we read the Letter "Brother Sun" & it really also breaks your heart for the kids in the System & how they search & how much they want the truth & it makes you really want to go & help them!

I was thinking how certain movies have really impressed me & really showed me a lot about how bad the System is & how much the people in the System have such a void

their lives & that they're really searching. You can just feel the spirit coming from the movie & even in the actors, how dissatisfied they are & the sad sad lives systemites live & how much Jesus is the answer to it! Also hearing the adults' personal testimonies after dinner here has really helped, because it just really makes you feel the agony that they felt when they were in the System & how empty they were. That really has been a

blessing to us teens—to really get to hear it from someone who actually dropped out & had such a change in their lives! (Sara: GB Grandpa for this good idea of each adult giving their personal testimony at the dinner table, directed & related to the teens!)

ILY & could never thank you enough for all the wonderful lessons I've learned here! Love, Leah

### NOTES BY NAOMI ON SARA'S FAREWELL POW-WOW!

#### Go In the Spirit of Humility!

Really pray for a humble spirit. Oftentimes what you'll have to say may be right & good, but maybe it won't be your place to say it. It's good to just be quiet & observe for about a week or two before making any suggestions. Don't make yourself a public example to the whole Home by making announcements about what's wrong, etc., but write a note to the Home Shepherd. Notes are always better, they save everybody's time & teach you to pray about what you say, & save you from having a wrong tone of voice or misunderstandings. Just remember, it's your spirit & sample that count, not how well you remember all the physical rules.

#### The Next Step In Training: Going Back to the Field!

There are two ways to accept change: The easy way, to see the Lord's Will in it; or the hard way, which is to fight it. So you might as well take it the easy way! The Lord brought you all here to learn, & now you're able to do the job on your own, so now it's time to go on to "Bigger Jobs"! The important thing will be that you portray the right spirit, because everyone will be looking up to you. "What you do speaks louder than what you say." The best thing is if they see the change in you, see your sample.

Even if you have lots of boo-boos yourselves, if you don't let them get in the way & don't give place to yourselves, then the Lord can still use you. Your sample will speak a thousand times louder than any rules! If you go back to your old ways, they'll think you didn't benefit from your stay here. Let your sample be your sermon. It's the spiritual lessons you came here to learn, & that's what the Lord will require of you.

You'll need to continually remind yourselves of what a mess you were before you came here & what a mess you still are, & not get all self-righteous about how others may look to you. If you see anything "wrong"

you should remember that you were just like that, if not worse, before you came, & it's not your responsibility to correct them. If you have a suggestion, you could write a note to your overseer or discuss it in private, but it really helps to "remember from whence you came"!

You'll have to understand that people are different. It doesn't mean they're any worse than you, they're just different. Mama stresses that a whole lot in her Letters & comments about handling people. People are different & have to be treated differently. You have to respect another's personality or predicament or situation. You have to understand this in order to get along well with all the many different types of people there are in our Family & everywhere!

Remember to treat the children there the same way you would treat the children here, & cook for that Home as prayerfully & as wholeheartedly as you did here. Don't think you've arrived & learned all you need to know, because the learning process always keeps on going. You will always continue learning lessons!—TTL!

Don't keep thinking & looking back to here, but put your hearts into your new situation! If you enjoyed & appreciated being here, then you'll enjoy sharing that love & sample with others now too, so they can enjoy it as well!

One of the hardest tests will be to not fall back into your own old ways. Now you're very accountable.—Without excuse! You'll be on your own most of the time & not so closely overseen any more, so remember, whatever you do will influence & lead others, whether you want it to or not.

We love you & know Jesus will be with you each step of the way! (Mat. 28:19,20)

