

us because of it, but most survived.

36. But nevertheless, it was God's way of sifting out those who wouldn't take it & those who were rebellious & disobedient. He sifted out the ones who would not agree & who would not follow & would not obey & who rebelled against me & these.

37. "I...Raise up another who will obey Me..." The New Bride, the New Church!—And that's you!—You who have believed & obeyed & remained faithful & loyal through it all! PTL! GBY! ILY!—And you've picked up the pieces & carried on, despite the losses, trials & tribulations & even some defeats & discouragements! Praise God!

38. This has "all worked together for good" (Rom.8:28) & drawn us closer together & to Him more than ever before!—As so many of your letters have told us! PTL! Thanks again & again! We love you! Keep keeping on for Him! We're winning! PG! Hallelujah! He never fails! Love never fails!—And you won't fail if you trust Him!—Amen?—Amen!

39. "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, & that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind & in the same judgement."—I Co.1:10.—According to His Word & the Letters!—Amen? PTL! GBY! ILY!

THE POTATO!—On Child Discipline. DFO 718 6/78

1. Having to discipline Davidito last night nearly made me sick! It's so wonderful what a marvelous recovery he made so quickly though. That was really the Lord. I was really praying for him that he'd get the victory, and he came back so sweet and smiling and happy.

2. (Sara: It impressed other people there too because people in the Family have seen children being spanked plenty. I really believe that many people are too hard when it comes to spanking, because the difference is that they don't love the children up afterwards.

3. (Davidito's very particular about serving his own food. He will eat what he himself serves and what he chooses, but he



them up sufficiently afterwards.)

4. Also you have to help him save face afterwards in front of the Family. (Maria: Yes, when I used to be disciplined as a child, the worst thing was the embarrassment in front of others! I'd much rather go to my room and stay until I got over it. My eyes were red and I didn't want to see anyone, and then I'd start to cry again just thinking about how embarrassed I was in front of everyone.)

5. He's very very determined, he's got very set ideas on what he wants and he's very stubborn and contrary about it, and if you don't do things the way he thinks they ought to be done when he wants them done, then he gets very angry.

6. I think he really feels like he should have some choice in what he eats, and he wanted a potato! Alf was reaching for it but it hadn't gotten there yet when his mother decided to put the beans on his plate.

7. Well, he hadn't asked for beans, he'd asked for a potato, and I think everything would have gone much better if they'd gotten the potato there first like he wanted it. Then he might have tolerated the beans. But he didn't see it no matter what they said.

wants to choose out how much he wants to eat and dish it out himself and everything. I don't think many people in the Family consider the kids' feelings and sensitivity to things, and love