

our way of life first, then they want what we've got & what makes us that way.

15. So when you're speaking, first of all I would suggest perhaps you could try just pouring out your heart. And let me tell you right now, we're in a war! Time is more important than perfection.—Even though you say it simply, crazily, disjointed, disorganised, & maybe your listeners will say, "Why, this man's a fool. This guy is simple-minded. He speaks as if for children & he keeps repeating himself all the time. He's no literary genius. How did he ever get to be a writer?"

16. Well, I didn't write or speak because I'm a literary genius & I didn't write because I ever intended to be a writer or to be popular or to please people or to win their admiration of my journalistic talent. I am just telling people the facts & the truth that they need to know, whether they like it or not, whether they like my style or not or the way I put it or not.

17. Stand up & speak & just tell them what God leads you to tell them out of your head as it pops out, along with stories & illustrations. Maybe if you want to have a little subject outline in front of you of the things you want to say & points you want to cover so you won't wander too far astray, fine.

18. Talk about how it happened to you, how it happened in cases you know about by experience, how it has happened according to what you've heard & read & what the usual case is. But allow for the unusual & allow for exceptions & allow for others that it may not always be that way, it doesn't always have to be that way.

19. Just let it flow naturally as much as you can. The thing is to be natural, to let it flow naturally. Don't say it all has to be the same. When talking with others, to get the whole story you've got to put everybody's story together & you've got to have everybody's opinion. And this is what you must remember—you must be tolerant of the opinions of others.

20. So when you speak always qualify your lessons & always say, "Well, maybe none of this is going to work for you. Maybe none of this is true of you in your case or your disciples or your Home or children or whatnot! But this is the way it happened to me, this is the way it happened to so-&-so, this is the

way it happened to most of them & therefore this is the way it will probably happen." Get away from dogmatism. Get away from rigidity. Get away from dictatorship. Get away from systematic rigid formal frozen conventionalism. You must allow for differences & freedom.

21. Speak from your heart, pray for the inspiration of God, ask God to please help you give them what they need. When I start speaking or start writing a Letter, Maria & I both pray, "Lord, give me what they need. Help me to feed the sheep, help me to give them the food that they need, the instruction that they need." And I believe He answers those prayers. Does He? Isn't it usually what you need? It is usually, even if it may not be worded right or it may be crazily put, at least I believe it's the truth & I believe it's the truth that you need.

22. So no matter how you say it, speak the Truth, speak it from your heart, from the fullness of your heart, & give them what they need no matter what. Let the chips fall where they may & whether they like it or not. I just say what first comes off my heart, & I believe my first impulse, my first reaction, my first answer, my first inspiration is the right one because I trust God. If I ask for a fish He's not going to give a serpent, & if I ask for bread He's not going to give a stone!—Mt. 7:9-11. If I ask God to lead me, He's going to tell me the right thing to say & I'm going to say what comes out of my heart, & what I believe & what I think is the truth & what they need.

23. So give out of the fullness of your heart & let your mouth speak. If your heart is full of Jesus & the truth, that's what you'll give them & it'll be what they need & don't worry about perfection. Try to organise it if you can, if you have to rearrange it a little bit to make it more understandable, but don't spend days & weeks on it.

24. For God's sake follow God & then out of the fullness of the heart the mouth will speak & you will give people what they need & it will be the truth. No matter what it sounds like or what it looks like or what you think it is, trust God that He has given you the right thing & pass it on. And for God's sake, do it! Just trust God that that's the answer & that's the thing, pass it on & leave the rest for the Lord. Trust God! Amen? PTL!