

this time, I don't think the Family has ever had a gunpoint robbery or stickup. I've heard of a few knifepoint stickups, I've heard of several snatchings where they snatched watches right off people's wrists, & pocketbooks, theft, stealing, perhaps even burglaries.

9. Do you know the difference between a theft & a burglary? A theft is when they steal it & you don't find it out till later. A burglary is when they break in & steal it. Breaking & entering, "B & E" as we used to call it, is considered a much more serious crime than if they just walk in the unlocked door. In other words, it's partly the householder's fault for leaving the door unlocked so the thief didn't even have to break in!—Which is what happened in the incident I'm going to tell you about!

10. People in poor countries like the one where this incident happened are starving, hungry, they'll do almost anything to get something to eat, even a chicken is valuable!—Not that our Family wouldn't want to feed the poor. Even the Bible forgave people who stole because they were hungry, they received very light punishment.—Pro.6:30. So if they're that hungry, maybe you just ought to let 'm steal it! But allowing them to steal it is allowing them to commit a crime, & worse yet, commit a sin which they will have to suffer for. That's tempting them to steal, tempting them to commit a crime!

11. This girl tempted the guy to come in & rob 'm at the point of a gun by leaving the door open!—Or at least opening it for him, because obviously it was not locked! Obviously they were not in the habit of locking it in the daytime. People commit robberies not only in the nighttime, they also commit them in the daytime, especially in poor countries where they're hungry!

12. The correspondence we received said that she was walking around out in the yard & they hadn't secured the wall! There was a place on the other side of the wall where he could just run up a little knoll & jump into the yard!—No broken glass on top of the wall, no barbed wire, no nothing to keep him out, easy to get into the yard! They had never done anything to secure the place!

13. Apparently they thought it would never happen, so ob-

viously they didn't even keep their doors locked in the daytime!—Or at least when she went out to take her little walk around the house, he saw that she just shut the door behind her.—The front door, of all things, facing the street, where there was almost no wall, nothing, where he could just jump over! After she took her little get-out she walked right back in, & obviously the door was not locked.—Either it was never locked in the daytime or she unlocked it & left it unlocked.

14. He obviously was watching her, & when she decided she'd had enough walk & she walked back in through an unlock-ed door, he was right there, boom! He just leaped over the wall & got there before she shut the door, & he just pushed his way in & held her at gunpoint!

15. So naturally she backed off. We have taught our people not to resist, that you're apt to get hurt worse if you resist. The famous words of stickup men are, "Your money or your life!", & we think your life's a lot more valuable!—So give 'm your money! Of course, you don't have to give it all, & you don't have to go around & show 'm everywhere it is! Try to keep 'm cornered so they don't go any further!

16. So she led him to a nearby room just across the living room, & in it was one of our men, the finance manager of the Home, with his briefcase sitting there open in which he had his money!—Which they said he had been told not to do, it was strictly against the rules: "Do not keep your money in your briefcase nor in this room, but be sure it's hidden & locked up somewhere where they can't find it too easily!"

"A STRONG MAN ARMED KEEPETH HIS GOODS IN PEACE!"—Luke 11:21.

17. I've kind of always thought, "Well Lord, you've never let it happen before, maybe you're never going to let it happen!" But when a Home gets robbed at the point of a gun by an intruder, Beloved, I think it's time for us to wake up & realise that it could happen here too, & I'm sure it could have if the Lord hadn't protected us & if we hadn't been very careful & prayerful & very secure & security-conscious, mindful of security!