

YELLERS & HITTERS!

19. Another entirely different kind of situation, which, thank the Lord, is rare, is having to separate people because of their yelling & screaming at each other, or even getting violent, where they slap & hit each other. In serious cases like that, we don't have to merely meekly suggest that perhaps they should consider a separation, but we can then railroad things through!—Because if people are yelling at the top of their voices at each other, it's obvious that something must be done immediately!

20. This is the exception to our policy of having people's consent in separations. If they're causing a major problem like screaming, yelling, hitting or slapping each other, we don't exactly need to give them a suggestion to separate, we give them an order!—Because it's breaking security rules! In fact, this sort of behaviour has even merited excommunication in the past!—And in such cases, it doesn't have to come from top leadership either, as there may not be any top leadership around.

21. No matter who is at fault, if people are slapping each other, yelling, screaming & creating a security disturbance, disturbing the peace, when things are that bad, something has to be done whether they agree to it or not! We just have to step in & tell them, "Okay, you've got to be taken apart because you're bad for security, you're a terrible sample!" Such people are an absolute reproach, not only to our own Family & our own children, but also to outsiders who might happen to hear them! In fact, they're not only a reproach & a terrible testimony, but a very bad security breach because the neighbours could justifiably call the police!

22. So I would say such problem couples should be required to at least temporarily separate for three months. You could wait until they do it again, & just give them a warning the first time, but you might have the police come the next time!—Or they might erupt into violence in which someone gets seriously hurt! In other words, because of security implications & because of the terrible testimony it is for the Family, yelling & screaming like that definitely warrants at least an immediate

temporary separation of three months.

23. Our people already know that actual physical violence will not be allowed or tolerated at all!—Dad has made it an excommunicable offense. But I think we can now modify that a little bit if the slapping or hitting wasn't too severe, because sometimes the other mate provokes it so much that they're as much to blame, if not more so, than the person who actually does the slapping. So I'd say that instead of instant excommunication, we can modify that to say an instant separation in most cases.

24. So a good solution would be separation instead of excommunication, a temporary separation. But if they get back together again after a few months & it happens again, then separate them permanently!—And of course, if one of them starts beating up on or slapping someone else around, excommunicate them!

25. If they don't agree with it, then it's "Get the victory or get out!", they both go! In other words, we don't really force them to split up, we simply lay down the Family law, the rules, & if they don't want to keep our rules, they can leave together. We don't force anyone to stay in the Family, & anyone who doesn't agree with our rules is welcome to leave!

COUPLES THAT WANT TO SPLIT!

26. Obviously, the most common cause for separation in the Family is when the couples themselves request it, they originate the idea & suggest a separation themselves for some reason or other.

27. This type of separation presents so many problems, I sometimes wonder if we can even allow people the luxury of being apart for three months! But to just let people stew in their own juice, to make them stay together & be burdened & worried about trying to get victories which they maybe never will get because they've gotten so familiar with each other, to just force them to stay together because separations are so complicated & present so many problems, I don't want to do that. I like to give people the benefit of the doubt, to let them have some time to reflect on their personal situation, to get away from each