

2. Even in this confession you make references to Liz as though, "Well, she was to blame & deserved it, but I was wrong too" etc. It's a habit of years & it's going to be hard to get out of that & several other bad habits which you have had for some years now. But as you have said & as the Lord has shown us, this is your last chance. If you don't make it here, then you're through as far as we're concerned & your work here with us.

3. God is certainly merciful! I'm afraid if I had known of your faults beforehand, I wouldn't have been so merciful! We certainly wouldn't have brought you folks & your big family here to work with us unless we had thought you were very talented & useful & going to be a big help to the work. We certainly can't carry on much longer this way, spending most of our time dealing with your problems.

4. So I'm going to lay down a few rules for you, Don, & maybe some for Liz too. We already have & some of them have been passed on to you, but if you want to stay here & work with us & stay with the Family, you'll have to abide by them. I've often told people, they haven't reached the top when they get here, they've reached the bottom, & if they don't make it here when they have their last chance at the very end of the rope, they usually don't make it at all!

5. God's giving them their last chance, His greatest mercy & greatest opportunity, & frequently, if they don't make it with us, then they just don't make it even with the Family or with the Lord, & they backslide completely! A few people have come & been trained with us & gone on to other even higher fields of service because they did well & they just got some training under us & went on to serve the Lord better than ever. So just because they are no longer with us doesn't mean that they all failed or washed out or fluked out.

6. So whether this period of training here with us is temporary or whether you're going to remain awhile, remains to be seen. It remains to be seen in your reaction to these restrictions & rules we're going to lay down for you & how you take it & whether you are willing to follow them or not. Because I gather, Son, that you have been pretty spoiled somehow, certainly spoiled by those two women, that's for sure!

7. As I told somebody today, it seems like even God almost spoiled you, He let you get away with it for years, but I think even God's fed-up! And I know I'm just about fed-up, & if you hadn't pulled through with a good honest confession & shown some signs of repentance, you would be through now!

8. This really is not a very good place for a big family, but we took you since you no longer had your former job. We considered that you are both very valuable folks with lots of needed talents & experience, & you passed a lot of tests that the Lord & we put you through, & apparently God in His mercy allowed us to bring you here to get some more training & pass some more tests & try to get you straightened out, if He can, with our help.— Because if we had known your severe problems before you came, you wouldn't be here now!

9. I must say that I did tell Maria I was a bit leery of having another Sagittarian around, because so many of them have so much pride & are such men-pleasers & so know-it-all, smart-alecks, mostly big show & not much go! They are usually sky rockets, a flash in the pan, that just looks great for a little while, then you turn around & they're gone!

10. Most Sagittarians I've known seem to be that way, including my own brother! He was handsome, intelligent, had a brilliant education, a gorgeous voice, good looks, everything! He had good jobs, tremendous salaries, but he just never could make it because he was always more concerned about what people thought than about what God thought!

11. He was a man-pleaser & more interested in serving Man than God! He squandered his money trying to buy friends with lavish, expensive parties & lavish gifts & living high above his income to show off & to be popular. Oh, how he loved popularity &, oh my, how popular he was!—Until he flubbed out & fluked out time & again & lost all his friends, even lost his wife & his children & his home & his car & his business & his job & his money & he went totally bankrupt!— All through trying to be such a big show-off & a man-pleaser & be popular! He just loved the praise of men & was much more interested in being popular with Man than he was in being popular with God!

12. People like that really have a tough time making it be-