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Dear Advanced Class Graduates:

Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ.

To be Advanced Class graduates certainly puts us in a unique group. I do not know of another time in history, outside of perhaps the first century, when any group of men and women have known the Word of God like we know it. But what is that knowledge for? I may know how to drive a car, but if I don't drive, what does it profit me or anyone else? I may know how to plant flowers, but if I don't do it, no one benefits from the flowers' beauty. We have the knowledge of God's Word so that we might serve. I exhort you to put into application all that you've learned through the Power for Abundant Living series. See God work in your life. It's exciting to see God's promises in His Word, but that excitement can't begin to match the thrill of seeing them actually happen in your life. Get involved and see the real side of life. I've often said that "GRADS" stands for Give Right Away, Don't Spectate!

Part of your giving has been in helping with Dr. Wierwille's clipping service. Here is a letter from Cathy Crawley expressing her thanks for your help.

For the past two years I have helped collect the mountain of newspaper/magazine clippings that you have sent to International Headquarters for Dr. Wierwille. I have opened, sorted, and bundled them for his perusal.

In doing this, I've been astounded at the diversity of publications you've surveyed and at your alertness in spotting the tidbits that reflect spiritually what is going on in the world.

We've had piles and piles of reports on homosexuality, dualsexuality, and questionable sexuality. We've received reams on religion, denominations, television evangelists, "alternative" religions, and lack of religion. Then there's suicide, drug addiction, and gambling, not to mention declining standards in education and increased divorce rates. Occasionally we read of someone achieving success through legitimate means, and we rejoice when once in a rare while somebody publicly gives God thanks for an achievement. One and all, the clippings are appreciated.

Last month I asked Dr. Wierwille's secretary when he ever has time to read these. She assured me that even with a million other things going on in the ministry, he still takes time to pull the clippings out of his pile of mail and go through them.

Please keep up the thorough reading and keep your eyes open for articles about The Way International in particular. Thank you for providing this service and for abundantly sharing your spiritual insight.

Perhaps you should plan this year to repeat the Advanced Class, either in "Advanced Class Specials" in your area or by attending the two-week class in California. It's important to get back in this class from time to time and stay fresh, so plan and get involved.

You're the best and I love you.

Serving with you in love,

Duke Clarke
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