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Dear Corps:

God bless and greetings to you this wonderful day in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The privilege and responsibility of being Corps should hit you bigger and bigger--day after day and week after week if you are awake to see what is happening in our country and the world. I doubt if anyone besides the Corps has undertaken such an awesome responsibility for centuries. At times I wish you could see my heart on how big I see you as Corps--how hurt I am when even one Corps individual fails to succeed in his or her life and splits out of the household. Naturally they will rationalize, criticize and blame The Way Corps.

Many of you wrote me such nice letters after my last "heart" letter. Thank you for your attempts to identify with me. I am sorry I cannot write to each one of you personally. It pains my heart. But, if I wrote to each one of you personally, I don't know what I would do about the rest of my responsibilities.

Sometimes I believe I can and do identify with Paul somewhat when he says, "And besides all that which cometh on me daily the care of all the churches." I have never physically suffered what Paul suffered, but I do have the responsibility before God to do my best for all the believers God has given me to bless.

Our ministry responsibility in the household of The Way is almost incomprehensible. And to think that you are such a vital member in this body of the household makes me so concerned and yet exceedingly blessed.

If at anytime or anyplace I have done anything that hurt any one of you, I am indeed sorry. For the last thing I would ever want to do is to hurt anyone of God's household. I would do almost anything to bless anyone of you if I knew of your need. My heart overflows with God's love for you. You are His spiritual athletes. You must faithfully and steadfastly continue to be God's man or God's woman with all the greatness latent in your whole body, soul and spirit.

**YOU CORPS GRADS WHO ARE ORDAINED:** By your request I ordained you to the Christian ministry of The Way International. Do you recall what was in the "mind of your heart" when you requested the ordination? How you felt when you were ordained? If you had it to do over again, would you accept the ordination responsibility? In the "heart of my mind" was the belief that you meant what you said and said what you meant and that your words were salted. You would stick it out to your dying day or the Return. Now--where are we? Where am I on future ordinations?

Some I ordained have not remained faithful--they've broken fellowship with God and the household of The Way. Yet, I was good enough, loved God and you enough, and you were

blessed and honored enough to accept God's ordination and my blessing. Breaking of ordination commitments has made me very hesitant about future ordinations. What should I do?

Why all the problems? I think you know what I mean. Fighting and dislike of each other--jealousy, prejudice, divorce, remarriage, dope, etc., etc., etc. God forbid that our ordinations of Way Corps grads turn into a mockery, and the laughingstock of the community.

The least you could do if you were ordained and now you're outside the household of The Way is never to use the term "Reverend." If you're still sticking in the household of The Way but you've neglected the loyalty commitment to the ordination vows and the exciting, continuing fellowship of it, build up your life on the Word and believe again in the great accuracy of the Word and principles of The Way Ministry, that your ordination may again be meaningful.

I am getting requests from Corps grads for ordination. What shall I do about it? Originally I thought about ordination at "Weekend or Day in the Word" when the Corps would be in a given area. But then I allowed my heart to be hurt by the living action of some of the clergy I ordained and have so far done nothing. Now I feel that for the sake of the future of our ministry I must again make ordination available. Yes, I could "hand pick" but I don't want to. I want each one to search his own heart and tell me.

If you desire to be ordained, would Sunday night, August 5th (the week all the Corps will be at Headquarters before the Rock), be the right time? I have been thinking much about Samuel lately. Certainly God never blamed him for ordaining Saul.

Regarding weddings--I will only do them at Corps graduation time. This year, Sunday night, July 29th, at Emporia. Otherwise, you do them in your state or region or they just have to get married the best they can at the place they desire.

Years of faithfulness in our ministry of The Way is your only means of ever repaying in any fashion the innermost commitment of my whole body, soul and spirit to God. The days of my years are rapidly moving on. If the Lord tarries, what happens after I'm gone? Will my ordained clergy be like grievous wolves among the sheep, even devouring one another? Brethren, where do we go now, so that we can continue to go then--what is the desire of your soul? Where is your heart and commitment?

This letter is for Corps only. God bless. I love you for the privilege and responsibility you have. As leaders, read Timothy and Titus and believe it. These books deal with the way leaders must serve. Notice how they start with "true child," and hope, then grace, mercy and peace.

Sincerely,  
In His service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Victor Paul Wierwille". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Victor Paul Wierwille