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### To My Wonderful Way Corps:

How the days and times of a man's life seem to go by so quickly. There just never seems to be enough time in a man's life to do all that he would like or want to do and yet each day God has continued to count me faithful putting me into the ministry that His Word can live.

In order for the ministry of His Word to continue to grow and reach out to others, you need leadership who will make their lives as broken bread to God's people and give their all for His Highest—men and women who will front that which God has committed to their trust day after day. I am deeply thankful for Way Corps like our Craig Martindale who is currently in the middle of his extensive itinerary across the country and Europe that will include two firsts: a 40th Anniversary Corps Advance in Great Britain and in West Germany. Also, our Vince Finnegan has just returned from his trip around the world which included visits to Africa, India, Indonesia and Australia.

It has to be God that we can have so much going on at one time with all our 40th Anniversary activities including these two major itineraries (not to mention all the other leadership who are out) and to think I am not on either one of them. Twenty years or even ten years ago that probably would have been unheard of, and yet I think this is an indication of the growth we are beginning to see in the ministry.

It is going to take teamwork to move the Word over the world and keep it there, and even though God has given us each other and our wonderful people to help carry the ministry, we need to believe God to be bigger and better tomorrow to handle the increase in demands on our lives as bondslaves for the Lord Jesus Christ.

As Way Corps you have to continue to believe and fight for the integrity of the Word at all levels of The Way Tree. In The Way Corps we have no "hierarchy." Some Way Corps function differently with some called upon to carry more responsibility. The youngest in the household has the same rights and privileges as the oldest. Each believer in the household of the Corps must see his part in the overall picture and be willing to speak up and get involved. When the leadership is tight, the Word lives.

Read the record in Acts 15. As Corps we need to continue to get it together and keep it together. This attitude will carry over with your people. If you are involved with one another and do not prefer one before the other, then your people are going to be blessed as you serve them which will bless the whole ministry.

The records in Acts indicate just that. When the leadership got it together, then people were blessed and the Word lived. "... They rejoiced for the consolation... and so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily." You are the leadership of the first century Church in the twentieth. "It's me, O Lord." "The buck stops here." Ours is to be like the calling Paul set forth by revelation in I Corinthians 9 and Philippians 3, given in the following literals according to usage:

*And every man who competes to the extent of really exerting himself, contains himself, exercises self-control in all disciplined training in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. Therefore, we are to drive ourselves to the utmost toward the finish line for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore as many as be the fully initiated ones, (men and women of the Corps) be thus minded; and if in anything ye are otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.*

Our 40th Anniversary theme for this month is "The Word Interprets Itself: Truth Versus Tradition." Hardly anyone believes that outside of The Way Ministry. It is the same fight today as it was for the Lord Jesus Christ when he told the religious leadership of his day, "... thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition."

This is the time of the year that is loaded with tradition and not one shred of truth to back it up. Tradition teaches that there were three wise men at the birth of Jesus Christ—TRUTH makes no mention of three, and their visit came more than a year later. Tradition teaches that Mary was a virgin at the birth of Jesus Christ—TRUTH teaches that Joseph took unto him Mary his wife after she had conceived but before she gave birth. Tradition teaches that the Christ child was wrapped in rags because his parents were so poor and they had nothing else to wrap the babe in—TRUTH teaches that Jesus Christ was handled according to the custom of the birth of royalty, which was salting and swaddling at birth. (Perhaps I should have mentioned this first of all.) Tradition teaches that Jesus Christ was born on Christmas Eve—TRUTH teaches that Christ was born on Wednesday, September 11 sometime between 6:15 and 7:45 p.m. in the year 3 B.C.

The reason we can know that we know is because we are workmen who need not to be ashamed of our workmanship, for we work the Word in light of its inherent accuracy and allow it to speak for itself. You ought to really build this for your people and use times of the year like this holiday season to teach your people the accuracy of the Word regarding events like the birth of Christ.

I have just read for accuracy again our work on *Jesus Christ Our Promised Seed*, the companion volume to *Jesus Christ Our Passover*. It is exciting and will cause no small stir. Yes, it is another solid piece of Biblical research that may well rock the traditional religious world of denominational dogma.

I have heard great reports about our 40th Anniversary Way Corps Advances and I trust those of you who will be participating in those coming up see the great importance of this time together as the household of the Corps. If I could be there personally, I would be. But as I said before, there just isn't enough time in a day for a man to do all that he wants to and that God would have him to do.

I am reminded of the record in John 6 where Jesus "... went up into a mountain and there he sat with his disciples." He and God's people got it together with themselves and with the Father and used that time to talk of the things of God and to build their hearts and lives and vision for the ministry before again going into the valley of human need.

You need these times as Corps that you can take your shoes off and "talk turkey" as you have heard me say so many times. If you are ever going to understand people, you have to put yourself in the other person's shoes and be Word-centered, not self-centered (Philippians 2:2-5, Ephesians 4:25, 26, 29-32 and 5:1, 2). Don't be so hard "A." Be loving, tender, forgiving.

One of the big things our leadership has seen on the horizon that I think we need to watch for is where the Adversary is endeavoring to marshal his forces to get people even more negative on the economy and the world situations to try to get people discouraged on finances, the country, etc. Don't allow your people to get "caught up" in this stuff. Forget about it! Don't React. Act positively on the Word.

I think it is spiritually significant that we as a research, teaching and fellowship ministry have gone with what we believe to be the heart of the heavenly Father for His people by doing more than perhaps we have ever done before, including: the 40th Anniversary Weekends, the LIVING VICTORIOUSLY class, the Advanced Class Grad Week fellowships, the Word in Business and Profession conference, the Rock of Ages, the Presidential itineraries, not to mention our various conferences and advances including our healing arts, athletes, *Poima*, airways, military, and others plus our Foundational and Intermediate classes, and by God's grace and mercy, the commissioning of 4,000 WOW Ambassadors this coming August. And with all this we also have our "See It Now" promotion for our new Word Over the World Auditorium. Kids—like I said, it just has to be God!

As I have taught you before when you walk in the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation, there is not an idea or inspiration that you get but that God will not give you the revelation to carry it out. I think it was Craig Martindale who said, "When the pressure's on—give!" It was David who said in I Chronicles 29, "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? For all things *come* of thee, and of thine own have we given thee."

We are God's portion, His habitation, His marked out and encircled, purchased possession. The Adversary has no legal right to intrude into our lives or the lives of our people for we are a special treasure of God. Yes—He is our sufficiency and we do know Him who holds tomorrow. That is why we don't worry o'er the future.

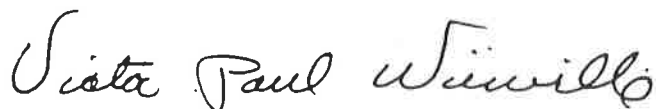
*Our alienation from Christ because he has not returned is about over with, for the day of Christ's return to gather his saints unto himself is just momentary. Therefore, make an immediate and complete decision to put on in your renewed mind, love without hypocrisy, which is the spiritual weapon that dispels all darkness. (Romans 13:12 literal according to usage)*

Four major aspects of prayer are wrapped up into I Timothy 2:1:

*I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications (special object of expression of necessity, specific request), prayers (giving preeminence in your commitment to God by your personal devotion), intercessions (prayer on behalf of another, intercession for individuals), and giving of thanks (just be thankful), be made for all men.*

May this be our heart and believing that the Word can have free course as we move into this wonderful decade of seeing Power for Abundant Living in every country throughout the world. Continue to believe God big for our country and the outreach of the ministry around the world. Pray for me and each other and remember... I love you. Stay tough on the Word and sweet on one another.

Faithfully,  
In His service,



Victor Paul Wierwille

PS. See you at the 40th Anniversary Weekends. The first two were electrifying. Lift the Corps coordinators' meeting this month.