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Dear Corps:

Well, it seems like I just wrote you. Must be because I love you so much and pray for you all the time, but then when I think about it, it has been quite some time since I wrote you. I think I'll just have the "rambling" off of my mind and heart and see where we go.

A Corps person blessed me so much the other day when she wrote: "No one ever really believed in me until I took your class. For the first time I felt cherished in your presence." Isn't that beautiful? I trust all you feel that way because I am so proud and blessed to have you.

A letter from one of our Corps parents expressed truth that blessed my soul. She wrote: "My son recently returned to Emporia, after his relocation during the holidays. My heart is overflowing with joy to see what being in The Way Corps does for men and women.

"He's becoming a wonderful man of God, the kind of man I believed he was and could be and has always wanted to be. I know this is possible because of the training he is receiving in The Way Corps. The changes that have taken place in his life are remarkable, and to think he has only been in residence less than six months.

"I have been a Corps 'spiritual partner' since 1976 when I first took PFAL. But now, more than ever before I realize the greatness of this Corps training. I wanted to thank you as a parent."

Remember when I talked to the Corps about not smoking? You go on LEAD and don't smoke (unless you cheat, which I would not expect Corps to do). Why not continue in the "non-smoking club"?

"On the day of the Superbowl was my first anniversary of not smoking. The biggest principle I used was to be very clear on my purpose and keep it foremost in my mind. Every time I had an urge to have a cigarette, I had to make a decision. Being clear and concerned on the purpose always overruled the desire to have a cigarette. The purpose I had was three-fold: 1. It was doing the will of God because you, Dr. Wierwille, requested that the Corps consider not smoking. 2. Would I be able to quit if it meant being or not being in the Corps? (No one confronted me with this, but I had to prove it to myself.) 3. Better health, making my physical body a better vehicle, therefore allowing me to grow more spiritually. I am thankful and living joyfully and victoriously without smoking."

Another letter I got from one of our men said: "The Episcopal diocese sponsored my father financially during his education for the ministry. They literally owned his life. He had 'strings' attached to him because of the money with which they helped him. I am thankful to God for Corps donorship. I thank you, Dr. Wierwille, for never attaching a single string to my life, as the Episcopal church did when they bought my dad's soul. My greatest lessons in faithful believing have been in my Corps donors and their donations. Thank you again, sir, for your stand to not enslave people, but to love people. Today my father claims vehemently to be an athiest, but he wrote to me lately, 'I don't believe what The Way teaches, but I have to say that they changed you from what you were into a disciplined and good man.'"

And now, just for a few ideas and thoughts that flip through my mind, like "walk your calling." "Excuses only satisfy the people who make them." God has given us two ends with a common link. With the one we sit, with the other we think. Success in life depends on which we use: heads you win, tails you lose.

FOUR who knew little of the Word went WOW and in one year had 60 people to take the class. Today, two of those four are Corps grads, and they have not been able to win 60 people in two years. They lost the "fire." The light of the Word of God has to burn brighter and stronger than ever if we are going to have something liveable in which our children can move the Word. You may have to re-order the priorities in your life.

You don't study the Word to be prepared to teach. You teach yourself the Word and live it, then you are prepared to teach.

In my last letter I talked to you about function and position. Perhaps I ought to say that a man functions as an elder, and therefore he is given the position of an elder. Titles are insignificant; what counts is how far you go in your own mind and heart. The Way Corps is without any excuse for any failure. Also, remember that without the Word, no one has direction in life and no one has a basis upon which to make a valid judgement or decision.

Sitting at the feet of Jesus is sitting at the table of the Word. Well, I think I will wrap this Corps letter in the Word and get high on the Word. Stay tuned to your local Twig for the Word and all of the latest happenings.

I thank God for your life which makes mine joyful living.

Faithfully,
In His service,

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P.S. I was so busy telling God I can't that I couldn't hear Him telling me that I could.

"My mother thinks I'm crazy, but I would rather be responsible and thought crazy than irresponsible and dead, which would have been my lot had I not taken Power for Abundant Living."

A professional runner said: "the first day I miss out on running, I know it. The second day I miss out, my opponent knows it, and the third day I miss out running, the crowd knows it.

When you feel like giving up, don't. When you feel like running away, don't. But, should you ever do these, by God's mercy and grace, I will still pick you up when you fall and cry and love your hurt away for you.