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Dear Corps Member:

God bless and greetings in the wonderful name of our living lord and savior, Jesus Christ.

Someone wrote me the following recently: "Because God is--I am. Because Christ arose--I have. Because believers stood--I know." Yes, as the world grows darker, the effulgence of the Christ within and the brilliance of God's Word grows brighter.

When you have been shown the integrity and inherent and inerrant accuracy of God's Word, the only acceptable alternative to believing and walking in its light is oblivion.

Our common interest in moving the integrity of the inherent and inerrant Word of God over the world is far more important than any minor differences. God's Word is never to question how high--just do or die.

Ignorance of the one true God is willful sin, for the true light is available. But, when men do not glorify and are not thankful to the true God, in reality our lives are like throwing snowballs at a tank. (Which reminds me that I was told that the Eskimos can identify 56 varieties of snowflakes.)

I have been somewhat amazed at the replies to ordination plus the abundance of late replies regarding assignments for next year.

A man (or woman) has to prove himself and his ministry before ordination. Throughout the Word of God there was always time involved before men were ordained. An example is the Apostle Paul. As indicated in Galatians 1:17 and 18, he spent time in Arabia and also time with the other apostles before he was ordained. As a matter of fact, it is not until Acts 13 that the Word officially says that he was separated "for the work" whereunto the Holy Ghost called him. Before this time he had already proven his ability by holding forth the Word in Damascus, Acts 9:19-22, and in Antioch, Acts 11:25-30.

Other examples: Timothy who traveled with Paul for a period of time. Samuel and his training under Eli, as recorded in I Samuel 3. David and his time of learning and walking and his whole relationship with Saul. John the Baptist, as recorded in Luke 1:80, spent time in training and learning before his "shewing unto Israel." Moses was 80 years old before he was finally called, Acts 7:30 and Exodus 3. The disciples lived with Jesus Christ for a period of time before he selected the 12 apostles and sent them forth to minister to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Yes, Proverbs 18:16: "...A man's gift maketh room for him...."

I believe we may have to rethink and reset some of our leadership principles and responsibilities. Corps grads apparently will have to be given more time to grow into leadership responsibility and authority. Perhaps I have given too much, too soon, to too many.

Perhaps the women of God should begin with two or, at the most, three Twigs, and the men with a Branch, at the most, if this can be done.

All Corps grads, if on staff anywhere--the wives, of course, as well as the husbands, even mothers with children, can come and help with children's work or some other phase of the ministry. Staying home won't get the Word over the world.

"Uncle Harry Sunday," March 18, is time to clean house and life. The Days In the Word have been exacting, but, for the most part, exciting. I have enjoyed seeing the Corps, WOWs and WOW vets, plus Tenth Corps and Family Corps VI applicants. Advanced Class is for you. Justin Wilson will be with the Corps before the Rock. God is still God! His Word is His will--prove it!

You are the B--e  
E--ver  
S--o  
T--hankful

Thinking about you and praying for you the other morning, my heart skipped a beat when I thought and wrote:

"For all the blessings of the year  
For all the Corps I hold so dear  
For peace of heart and joy so near  
I thank the lord and savior dear.

Sincerely,  
In His service,

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