

Leadership and Give and Take

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Over the last few weeks I have been realizing more that it is God who molds and not man. Since being put in leading position here at Rowland the Father has shown me many aspects of Principle which I had not really seen before. One major aspect is related to the Principle of Give and Take, and how necessary it is to have this action between the whole family. We are fighting a battle against Satan, and as a family we should stand as one line to meet the enemy.

Leadership requires many qualities: one needs to have the willingness to get jobs done, a driving spirit, and above all, a deep relationship with Heavenly Father and Our Leader in order to raise people spiritually. I see in the center here that a leader can only exist through give and take with others and through the support of members, both materially and spiritually. We need to work as one unit, each recognizing his position and function for Father.

To be a leader in the Family one must never be afraid to chastise members and fight Satan around them. Satan is very subtle and I see more now how he gives you thoughts, "Well, he'll run away now," or make you feel sympathy for the person, or gives you doubts. One must really have complete faith in Father and rely on Him. Without give and take there is no energy centered on God. I have felt God's heart more over the last weeks; the Father clearly shows how he has felt for us, how deep the sorrow of His heart has been, and the anger He feels toward Satan. Every day, Satan is seeking to invade, and in this past week it has been because of the lack of give and take amongst members and genuine concern for one another. For example, people have jumbled phone messages, have set at the meal table and mumbled a few words as a contribution to Father's evening. Satan gives all the excuses for not doing this, that, and everything else. How cunning he is. How he tries to hide. I feel in the center we need to have deeper give and take on Father, being more alert to our brothers and sisters. A mistake is not evil but to hide it is evil, to excuse it is evil. It's really a battle for humility.

I can see a bit the problem God, Our Leader, and national Leaders have in raising us and am thankful for

this experience.

To get out of Satan's world we need give and take, and we need to respect those who are in position. A child needs its parents as much as parents love and need the child to express love.

In the army the people who disciplined you the most were the ones you respected the most because they showed concern. Many a Ser' Major would run you round a square till you dropped and would chase you morning, noon, and night. You'd hear, "You've got to eat, sleep, and drink guns." The day you passed out you felt proud, you'd made the grade, you'd taken the rough with the smooth.

I feel this applies in Principle. The discipline, Judgement, sharing celebration days, and finally the victory of becoming true children and restoring the world. If members have deep give and take they can protect and check one another, and fill Father's house with love and joy. I often think of Our Leader and how he disciplines the Koreans. One can see why His love is so great, because he is so concerned for God and each of us His children. To chastise people more, I must have more love and concern from God for them. I have to love Our Leader much more and put myself in His hands. To listen more to the advice of others and then strike and free this world for G::d. All of this can only come about by deeper give and take within the family and those in a leading position of the nation.

One must also stimulate those in the family by showing father's joy and happiness. Watching members grow certainly brings great joy and I often want to embrace members. How much God longs to embrace us as we grow to Him. Sometimes in chastising people I have felt a deep sadness and a great love inside for the person. God's heart seems to cry, "Don't you know I love you? What choice have you left me?" I look at the faces, heads hung low, eyes cloudy, people moping around, but inside you feel a love. I hope they make it for Father. You have something of value for God and man. I see I need them to grow closer to Father. The battle shall be won. Monsei!