

This by which I am sitting is not a good work, but I, myself, said that, "welcome and good morning are not alike." As you are saying, if you are not working and you stay at home, there is no profit on it, and little by little and you sit by it just like that. As for material, it is very good on our line. Also they buy it very much on our line. (I have seen that you have open material shop) Yes, materials, they buy it very much. Today, material line, formerly was your section where they cook your to sell; it is there that they sell materials. Today, all of them have moved. That is, they are not in one particular section. But over there at our section, trading is there very much. I am in this like that. Also, at times, I look up to my God. As for me, what I usually beg for is strength. The Lord will give you strength for if you have strength, then it is good. And if you get up and sickness will bother you, then it means that all that is something that is disturbing. Today too, in this country, formerly, when we were there, even when you went to the hospital, during the time of white men, when you went to the hospital, you did not pay money at all. Even if you paid, it was very little. But as for today, the doctor says, come and show yourself at all; go, madam, after three days, report yourself to me to let me know how you are, even that at all, when you go, you will pay money. (Yes) When you go, they will take money from you. In the past, it was not like that. So today, in our country here, before God, for this place, people have become too

many and it has become difficult over here. (Yes)
The people have become too many. So it has become difficult over here very much. Money which had accumulated over here. If you live here and maybe someone is over there even sends you money, it may seem that you who are living here, you are hopeless. And if you don't get a big job to start with it and keep it going to get something on it to buy food to eat, you will be spending all the actual money (ie. the money ~~which~~ which is your capital) she has used it to buy sweet thing to eat it in her mouth. (Yes) But, perhaps you have not spent it. The expenditure was big. As I was talking ^{you} recently when you came about the light. By your grace, I thank you. Alamu, I thank you with God. May the Lord bless you. The Lord may give you long life. He may increase your life. I thank you. (And you say, somebody said that you should sell materials, you did not listen.) Ah, if you don't have money, you cannot do that work. (Yes) I have put my stall in order nicely, it is even half of it too. It is a whole one and it is for me and my sister, ~~that~~ that is why I have crossed it like that (Yes) I am the senior and all should have been mine but in Ashanti, they do not agree to that. I have sisters/brothers who come after me there. But it is for our mother and that is why I am staying there. That is why I have crossed it. I have given half to my sister and half is also mine. So even this half, if I have money, I can put it

in order and buy goods and put them in it and sell. That today, concerning provisions, even if bit by bit, you are able to sell, and the profit on it is 50, 50, at all for you, it is good. (Yes) But, as for that, you never lose. You know that I went to buy it for 200, I too, I have put on ten. (It is good) Yes, it is good. Then when you sell it, there is no debt in it. And this which we are selling, today, they have raised the price very high. Recently we were buying it very cheap. (The onions?) The onions. (Has the price become expensive?) Yes; now they sell the bag for sixty thousand; the big ones. Therefore when you sell and you are not careful, this thing too, you are selling it for about two days and it is finished. Maybe it will last six days before it is finished. And in these six days too, you might have spent about ten thousand even. (It will be more than that) It will be more than that; do you see? So it means that it is not good but you have no work; maybe if you have a big amount of money, then you say, I am going to do this. Therefore, your mother, I stay by it little by little like that and we beg for strength. There may be a day, God may give you some, then, little by little — (And people who have money, what will show you that he/she is a good person?) Hmm. There may be someone, there may be some at all, if God gives him/her very little, then he/she gives some to his/her brother/sister; even to someone, ~~yes~~ that, "accept")

this and use it to work or you also take it to buy food to eat. There may be someone too, who has much but here in our Ashanti region, whether someone had much, but if his/her brother/sister is dying at all, he/she will not say that - He/She knows that his/her brother/sister is hungry (Yes) yet he/she will not give it to him/her. There may be also someone who if you, the other day, you gave me a little, but when I see a brother/sister that he/she also maybe 2000.00 at all he/she doesn't have; and I too, when you gave it to me, then I too, I take out 2000.00 and give it to him/her. He/she is a merciful person. There may be also someone who has much, yet mm! what does he/she take you for. Here in our Ashanti region, that is how things are. He/she will not give you. He/she is very comfortable that he/she must have some, but the faith which you even took to walk about to get a job and you too, you don't get a penny at all, he/she will not give it to you. We are there just like that. ~~We are there just like that.~~ Even myself, a mother of mine, she has died like that. Her picture was even with me here. My grandmother had nine children, nine. As for that mother of mine, she began (life) store was what she did. So she had money. She built houses. But she did not give some to any of my brothers/sisters. (Is that so?) When she died, her daughter has taken all (Yes) Yes. If you too, your child doesn't get some for you, then you fall. If you, yourself, don't get some, then you too, you

fall. There may be someone too, who will give everyone a little. That is the child of God. And she/he too, God has blessed. And there maybe someone he/she has much, yet he/she will not give you. (In the past too, was there someone like that?) Yes. There was someone like that. There is someone also who will give some to everyone when he/she gets some. Maybe he is a man and he is in the house; he is an elder, his sister and her children are in difficulty, maybe he will take some; take it to do business. Maybe, he has a house, and he takes a room and he gives it to her. You too, you and your children, you may stay in it. I have seen some like that. A grandfather of mine is here; he is dead. He has some. He is dead. All his nephews and nieces, he had bought a house; you and your children, it is yours; you and your children, it is yours. You and your children, it is yours. Now, a house in which I say I am going in, my house in which I am going is at Sepe. The chief has built a big flat (yes) and he has many sisters. And his mother and father, his father was an old man, his mother was an old woman. And his father died before his mother died. So he has built the house at Sepe right now. A big one. It is a three storey. And you and your children, you don't come to my place. Aunt too and her children don't come to my place. He has given me a kitchen, my toilet; my everything. Therefore, if I also want to see you, I come to say good morning to you and go back to my place. That

is how he has made the house. That is a good person. And perhaps, when he got it, then ~~he built~~ a small house and he and his wife and children live in it. That is not good. When you get some, then you give some to your brother/sister. Amen. In that way God will bless you and bless you. Now, everyone and ~~his~~ children. There is no fight. You and your children, when you get up, everyone prepares her food. If I want to give you some, then, I bring some to you and you eat it. If Aunt too, wants to give me some, then, she too brings me some and I eat it. Now, the house, the house in which I ~~say~~ am going, yesterday, about a week, that holiday, an elderly person who is in it, his child died so I say that I will go. That is why I put on this black and white cloth to go and greet him. When she was buried, I did not hear. I ~~was~~ ~~about~~ ~~it~~ ~~yesterday~~ when I was going to Kenya. I am going to greet him. So if you enter the house, you become ~~very~~ happy. For everyone and her children live together; except I am entering here to greet you. There is no jealousy in it. And if a young man had got it, he would give it to his wife and children alone; that is not good. You give some to your wife, then you give some to your children and some to your sister too. As for this, when you get it, then, you alone take it like that. It is not good. That is not good. The other day, the money you gave to me, a sister of mine is at the post office, so I too, when I reached there, I took 2000.00 out and gave it to her.)

So what was left, I used some to reduce my light bill. Do you see? That is what we do. And as for you, you alone spend it. Maybe a sister of yours is suffering. When I gave it to her, what she said, she said, "Ei! Aunt, as for today, I will eat. She said that she would make rice balls to eat. (And it means that that day, she had no money at all) No, she had no money. It is my own sister. For my mother, who is dead, brought up her mother and she was born. So when Kwame Nkrumah's government was in power my young sister even found a job for her and when the government fell, she stopped and came back here to do duty job. And she gave birth to a child. She ~~is~~ not strong. She gets sick often. She is like me. So nowadays, she goes on the road. Today, she has stopped a bit, and even last Friday, she said that she was sick and we took her to the hospital. So, at times, when I have some and I go to her, I give some to her. So when I gave it to her, I had some rice also at this place and I gave some in addition. She said, "Ei! Aunt, you have killed me (an expression meaning you have helped me greatly.) I too, I will eat rice balls today; do you see? She doesn't even have half penny. She makes toffee, this, this, toffee (Some of the milk toffee?) Yes. So she goes to distribute them to some people at Tafo. So when she ~~does~~ it, - she can, - even the doctor says, she should not go near fire, but she is disobedient. She sits by it to make the toffee like that and she gets sick.

I say, if she doesn't do it, she gets worried. Someone has given her husband scholarship so when he gets up, he goes to stay with that one woman (i.e. a woman is caring for him free of charge so he doesn't stay with his real wife.) (Someone has taken her husband from her.) Yes. Someone has given him scholarship, her husband, Aunt, so when he gets, he goes to stay with that one woman all the time. He too, he was one of the big men of the drivers Union and he was pensioned. They let him come home. He did certain things and during Kwame Antwi's time, they let him stay at home. So today, he has no main job. But the little they give you when you go, you must bring some to the woman. If I have a place to stay at all, though I am not well, I would have taken my sister. For she is all the time worried. Sometimes, she comes to me. She is slim and dark. She often passes by the front of your place. (Yes) Yes. She lives at the house of my Aunt at the small post office. It is opposite the post office, a one storey house which is there. It is there that she stays. So she is very worried at times. And now, she has accepted Christ so if even something bothers her, she goes to stay in the church and pray all along and she stops. Her Aunt told me that, and this your sister at all, why? For when he (the husband) goes to that woman, he gets much freedom, so he doesn't come here. If sometimes, he will give her money, he says that the children should come to Kejetia to get the money. This eight

hundred Cedis, what are we going to buy with it in this town. The children too, are many. This eight hundred Cedis, what can it buy? It cannot buy anything. So, I say, the day that the Lord will put something in my hand, I too, go to give her some. She is worried; she has no money which she will use to work; she is not strong. So she should have a place, maybe inside a stall and stay in quietly. This toffee, when she goes to buy coconuts to make it, she uses firewood and she again takes a car to Tafo to supply some Tafo stores which are there and they hang them in front of them. And after about four days, she takes a car again to collect the money. So the other day, it was she that I took 2000.00 and presented it to her. (Yes) Yes; and I took rice and added to it. I said, a white lady came and gave me this money. You too, take this. What she said, she said, "Ei! Aunt, as for today, I shall eat rice balls. She doesn't have food, only occasionally. (So, does your sister go to funerals?) No, as she is there, doctors have banned her from many things but - She doesn't eat pepper, she doesn't eat salt, so she should have had some nice food, but, if it will be anything; only recently, when her mother died, did she come to stay at Estate. For anything I take, I leave some for her. So she became fine, fine, fine. Children too, she has many boys with this man. Five people. And the thing for which she is lucky is that, at the post office where she is staying, the boys marry

some of them. Her children too are gentle. And they make some of the 'Ghara made' to go and sell. Recently, the senior child among them, he makes some of the "Ghara made", he was sick and his friend should send them to Acera for him; he went to sell and spent the money. (ou!) He went to sell and spent the money, and today this child is at home. If he gets a little amount he will go and buy things ~~about~~ the shoes even, and make some of the shoes but he doesn't get it. So when the children get up, their mother too has no work. Aunt, they live in this town; some are suffering, Aunt. As for my sister, sometimes, people ~~felt~~ ^{feel} pity for me but at times, I turn myself to pity her. Her husband doesn't mind her at all; even if he has no money, he will not say something nice to ~~you~~. So when I go, at times, the women in the ^{house}, my aunt's house is also behind it. At times, ^{when} they say certain things to me, I say, I cannot say that my sister is in a bad marriage and I am coming to take her away. If that happens, then I have sinned against God. She has many children with this man too. How do you go and say that where you live is not good so get away from there. She had a room herself and it was taken from her. If she has a room somewhere, she will move into it, maybe she would have moved. The landlord even says, he is taking his room. I even went to talk about it. Now they were given five months. It seems to me it ends in June. But the man is just from Boshu just here. As for him, he says he will remove his things and go away. My sister too, Kenyase,)

she has no room; how can she go to a village. For there, it is 150.00 from there to this place. But she has no room. What can she do to go. And she is living there like that. So, sometimes, she can think like that and she gets sick. There are many sicknesses on her. Even by the grace of doctors and it means that God loves her; He cares for her. So at times, she gets worried like that. So the other day, I tried and went to the post office and I said, take 2000.00. Someone came to present it to me. You too, take it and use it to buy food to eat. O, she can work but she doesn't have money to use it to work. (And in the past, was it like that?) In the past, Aunt, you used a small amount of money. The money we used to eat was not much. So if you had a small amount of money with you, it was not difficult. (Was there no one who could not buy food to eat?) Hmm, there may be someone who when he/she gets up, may not even need it. An example is what I am saying. Now, you know that she is there with her husband. But when he gets up, chop money, he doesn't have some. (Yes) He has no chop money, and he stays there like that. Perhaps, he says, maybe when you get up this morning even, you must have some porridge to drink, and perhaps in the afternoon at all you get something little before you eat in the evening; or maybe you drink this porridge at all, perhaps in the evening. Maybe in the evening, at all, you didn't get. What you will cook, maybe your coal pot is big, and you are going to buy food

from outside. This outside food is not big enough.

There may be some that may not be good for you at all that you may eat it; do you see? (Yes)

In our country here, what is good to buy from outside is Kenky (Yes) Kenky; Only Kenky is good.

Also, if 'banku' at all, someone has prepared it.

Maybe, it was not well cooked and you also go and buy it from someone's fire; do you see?

'Banku' which has been prepared from outside, I for an example, if you give it to me, your mother, I won't like it, I will not eat it. I

won't buy to eat it. Food which in Ghana here, if you can buy, it will make you neat are bread and Kenky. (You don't buy, you don't get, you don't see chopbar as good?)

Min; as for chopbar, I, for an example, I don't eat cassava;

(Yes) Yes; I don't eat cassava. When you go to the chopbar, it is only cassava. So as for

chopbar, maybe, soup like that, then, some of the soups are very clean. Then, if you

go and buy it to drink, it is fine. And for the fufu they are pounding; Your mother, when

I am on my way to Accra, for example, when we are sitting in Transport, as soon as we get

down, some go to eat fufu. As for me, I will not buy it. If I will buy it may be ~~some~~ coke or

even coke, today, it is not good for my body. And at times, I buy some Malta. And my bread, if

I will eat it and I become full. And as for some fufu, then I will not buy it; outside food.

Sometimes, I will go to Accra like that, and if I know that I will go today, and maybe two fish.)

everybody says that they should fry for me. I break a bit of my bread, then I bite a bit of fish. (Yes, that is how you eat.) And I draw my water too; iced water, the refrigerators are standing here for nothing; I don't drink it. When I drink it, then my chest, I don't like it. So, I do have a clay pot standing here, and maybe, I put in naphthaline balls and drink it. Iced water, the refrigerators are standing here, I give them to people. When I drink it, I feel pains in my chest and I get sick. Something will come into my chest like that and I cannot speak so I don't drink iced water. So as I go to the market, when I am going, I even go and put water in the stall there. When I am going, I go and put water there. I take water from home, put it into my thing, maybe, I draw some of this water in a thing and I go and put my thing there. Iced water, iced water, iced water. Kenky, the iced Kenky, we make it like that, we will not put it in a good thing to sell. The iced Kenky, recently, when I was going to Kejetia, I saw that they had washed some; the pan in which it was, the pan was not good. The bucket was not good and they had put it in it. If I will drink it and I don't have money, then I will leave it. I will buy some of the Kenky and I, myself, will wash it and put my thing in my mouth and drink it. Many of the things are there which are not met at outside in our country here; do you see?

We are not like you. The things, she knows that she is making them to come and sell so she puts it at anywhere. Yes. So many of the outside foods, as for your mother, when I was a child all the time, I didn't like it. I have a daughter here; for outside food? She will go hungry like that. When she goes out, she will be hungry like that. She is like me. When she goes out, she will be hungry like that, so it doesn't make her big (If she sees riped plantain on fire, she will pass by) So as for outside foods, if you see that, - maybe, some bananas, she buys and they are in her bag and she is eating them; otherwise she will ~~not~~ eat. As for your mother, school that I didn't attend, worried me at times. My mother, this person, they say, she is one child only, one only; there is none again. So when her father wants to send her to school, her mother says, "E! my only child, you are sending her to school. She and her father will fight; (Is that so?) she did not let her attend school. And my mother too, when I was born by my mother, there was one boy and I follow him. So my father said that he was sending me to school. My grandparent said, look! I have only one child. It is now that she has got a female for me. You are sending her to school. She quarrelled with my father. So I was not sent to school (Yes) Hmm. So in the past, the ancient people, if you come from a good home, they won't send you to school. They say, "Teacher will beat you." (Yes). They won't let you go to

school. It was like that. It is today that we are becoming wise. (In the past, when you were a child, did it worry you? Did you want to go to school or ~~you~~ were happy to stay at home?) But they won't let you go. Your mothers, they won't let you go; they will pamper you like that. "Stay at home, we won't let you go." Even, my younger sister, they did the same to her. My grandparent has done the same to her. My younger sister, her child is with me here.

The other day, the boy you came to meet at this place - My grandchild, when she returns from school, she says "Akua". She is also called Akua. "Akua, were you beaten when you went?" Also, our house was close to the school, Roman brick School. Our house was close to it. So when it is about eleven o'clock, they come home. "Akua, were you beaten when you went? Stay at home for us to cook 'Ampezie' to eat, you hear?"

Today, when my sister remembers it, then, she is chewing her hand like that, that my grandparent didn't allow her to go to school. So, in the past, the school was not important to us. So, today, at times, I become jealous, for, the other day when I came, I was saying that at my house, they make me do any dirty work. And the ladies sit there. And they sit there - And the ladies sit there, and I, any dirty work, because I didn't go to school, I have to do it. Do you see? (And the civilisation which came, was it a good thing or a bad thing?) It is good; it is good. (Yes) The civilisation is a good thing.)

It is good, for your mind has become open (ie you become wise) A place that you cannot enter at all, you will be able to enter. Do you see? (Yes) So it is a good. ~~The past~~ was stupidity time for we did not know how things were going. Do you see? We didn't know how all things were going. So it is good. An example is what I am telling you that, this chief who is right now cheating me, he is very well educated. So when he went and the one we put him — he stopped; he himself stopped; he was not ~~disappointed~~. He was not asked to get out from the stool. He himself went away from it. He is doing timber work with white people. So he went to overseas with the white people which means that he went to stay overseas for a long time and then came back. He came in order to be a chief. Because he is literate, they again entrusted him. They entrusted someone but he was not literate at all (Yes) Yes. So, because he is literate is why they entrusted him again. If he was not literate, they would not have given him the stool. He moves with white people every time. He is learning something from people. That is why they allowed him to occupy the stool, otherwise, they would not have allowed him. For nobody selected him to go; you and your white people went to stay overseas; why is it that you occupy your grandparent's stool, you did not inform anyone and you went away and when you come back, they again make you a chief?)

They would not have allowed him to be a chief. But because of the book knowledge which they know that ~~he~~ has open his mind, (i.e. he is civilised or wise) they give him the stool again. Do you see? (Yes) So as for education, it is good. Now if I have someone and he/she says he/she will continue to study, I will let him/her depend on me. When I was at the market, she finished school at Roman Girls school. Even she, at that time, they were three that could pass in the big school. So I knew that she would continue her studies. I said and said and said, she said, "Mother, as for me; now, she is suffering at the market (Agyeiwaa?) Yes, The one who said that she will go too, gradually; even if she doesn't know, the little which she knows, now, she is doing her national service ~~was~~ GEE (i.e. Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital) (Yes). Do you see that? Yes, the other one. (Joyce) Joyce Little by little. ~~But~~ she finishes and she will continue again, it is left to the grace of the Lord; if she will continue again, then she will go. You too, when I said that you should continue, you said that you won't go. And while you are doing your work, someone has come to take you to make you pregnant. Now a child is stuck to you. Now, you are suffering. So when you go, it takes longer time, the school, when you go, it takes longer time; but if God gives you grace, you broaden your mind, you

become civilised. You advance in everything. Excuse me to say if you have not gone to buy it, you don't incur debt. If you sit at your office, you don't run into debt. So as for school, book knowledge is valuable. If it is preceded by technical studies of some kind at all, it broadens your mind in addition. Today, sewing which which we do, we look into a pattern book to cut the thing. You will look into a pattern book to be able to cut maybe a dress like that, how it is sewn; it is sewn like this before you sew. So as for book knowledge, it is very good. In the past, our grandparents fooled us. They have cheated us. (But in the past, there was wisdom.) There was wisdom but they didn't like book education. (Is that so?) (They did not understand) They did not understand book education. Rather, today that those who, — if there is an elderly person at home, he/she knows that it is good. (Yes) Yes. Now, your mother, when I take a transport and they give me a ticket, I ask that, "My child, where is my seat?" And I have the paper with me too. Do you see? (Yes) When I go to transport yard now, when I am going to Accra and when they give me the ticket, then I stop and ask the person who stands in it, "My child, where should I sit?" He says, madam, maybe the seat, maybe, sit on number six. And I am counting the seats. As soon as I enter, I start counting the seats as I go. Do you see? I will count to six and when I am sitting down I continue to count. But if

I had been to school, immediately he gave it to me, old woman, I am literate, as soon as I looked at the thing, then I know where to sit. I will not ask; do you see? So as for book knowledge, it is valuable. And at certain time at all, I wanted to attend night school a bit. And later, the ~~problems~~ were too much. All my sisters with whom I went, they can see something now, I have regretted. Even at first the problems were not many like this (Yes) Yes. Even now, when I get a little, in our church, they say they will group us, but where I live is far; where I will study is far. At times, in the evening, it rains. Sometimes, when you keep long, at this place, when it is nine o'clock, you will stand at Kejetia, at times, you don't often get a car. Even, a little, now, your mother, I can see that I am wise, and if I can write even my name, I would like it. I would like it very much that I can and would study a little to be able to write my name; to be able to know numbers of cars. Do you see? (Yes) I would have liked it. I would have liked it (Yes) But where I live is too far. It is far. And if it was not far, then, ~~every~~ day in the evening, sometimes, they say Wednesday evening, we are going to study; Monday evening, we are going to study. I will be able to go but it is far. If you stay there a little longer, when you are returning, you won't get a car. (Yes) Yes, so as for studies. I would have studied. Right now, I would like to study a little bit, to know how to write my)

name and to know numbers of cars, I would like it very much. For it helps, do you see? It helps, yes. So right now, your mother, if I have ——. Recently, my little grand child, he is three years old and here where we live, at times his mother says O, she says, mother, at times, she mentions; I didn't talk; and I went to the market and bought his school uniform. He says, tailor; I say, no; I have a tailor in Ash town who sews children's shorts and shirts very nicely. And I, myself, took a car and took it to Ash town to sew and sent him to school. They say 3000.00. Always when he is going, 250.00 and you give it to him. So when I go with him, the lady comes to the market and they come to take him in a car. The school is at Ahemmoboano. I say, he should go for a while, and if by the grace of God, I am well, then I may take him into a big school; do you see? Even her (the child's mother) who is a modern person, the child's schooling is not important to her. As for me, I know that school is valuable and if I go with him and the teacher comes, then she takes him away. At three o'clock, she brings him and I take him home. So yesterday for example, the teacher came; the other day, I said, "teacher, he is sick and I have given him some medicine two times but he hasn't recovered so I say they should take him to the hospital. So yesterday, when she took him to the hospital, they prescribed some drugs for him she (the mother) went to buy. When she

brought them, ~~in the morning, before time~~ to him; at night he didn't have fever. So when I was going, she had gone with him. So after about three days, when I see that he is well, then he will go to school. My grandchildren, I carry them at my back to the classroom. Sometimes, he tells me that, "Grandmother, put me down, for when teacher sees me, he will beat me. So when we are about to reach the school, I set him down and he goes. When I go with him to sit down in the classroom and chat with him for some time, I say, I am buying toffee for you and I go and buy toffee and bring it to him. At times I say, it has remained my change, I am going to get it and come; and I go home. People say, you have time for grandchildren. I say, 'ei!' As for school, for me, I don't play with it. So that's how I treat them. I carry you at my back and I go with you. I go with you to sit in the classroom. So as for school, Aunt, I don't play with it at all. Now, one of our mothers is ~~at U.S.T.~~ (U.S.T.) ~~she~~ is a senior doctor. She is a senior doctor. In everything this one is my child. Recently, when my mother died, I put her at Tech. She paid all the expenses. I didn't pay half penny. She says, I say, I took out small amount of money; I said, Aunt, take this to buy drugs that you will use to inject your sister so that she will look very beautiful when we come to take her away. She said, "Take your money away. Do you have some? You don't have some. Go. She did everything.)"

If she had not studied to a higher level, would she have been a doctor? She would not have been a doctor. So as for me, as I live, I am very interested in education. One of my children, he is not here. He had been sent home. - He was in Ahmediyah school. He had been sent home for school fees. He had been sent home for money to buy books. He has come to stay at home; I don't get it for him, I don't get it for him, Aunt, I don't get it for him. His father too, has divorced me. Now, I have sent a plea to him. He has divorced me. He went to Europe with Asantehene; the one who is dead. He went to Europe with him. As soon as he came, it was not long, I ~~gave birth~~ of my children. Ten days after I gave birth, he said, "I will not marry you." Ei! This man, what have I done? We talked about it for a long time. We rendered apology; this man said, "I will not marry you." I have given birth to ten children. He said, "I will not marry you." I said and said and said, he says, "I will not marry you. I said it doesn't matter. So little by little, by trading at the market, I shall eat. So, the child, when he grew up a bit, I carried him at my back. I go to sit at the market bit by bit; when I get something, I eat it with the children. So I went on little by little like that and the child, because he has divorced me, he doesn't look after him at school. So little by little by little. This child was driven out for school fees. He came home, I don't have it. I don't have it to give it to him. So I have a

silver pan from Abidjan. Immediately, I lifted it and came to the market and I said, "Buy it for me." She says, "Aunt, why?" I said, "Ei! my child who is attending school has been driven out. He has been at home about six days ago. I don't get it for him. So, you buy it. She said, "Aunt, is it true?" I said, "Yes, buy it, buy it for this much. She gave me a little.

Immediately, when I came, I said, "Akwasii, go, go to school. He said, "Mather, have you got it?" I said, "That my silver pan, I have taken it to someone at the market. She has sold it for me so as for you, go. Put your things together and soon at daybreak, the child went to his school. Little by little, he finished his school. Only little by little, Aunt. And as for me, when he came, you didn't have it for him and you say, for you, if you don't have it, stay at home; I don't have some. Then you have bothered him, and you have bothered him. You brought him into the world, you took him to let him come into the world. So if there is something and he doesn't have any, even if it is your cloth, you take it to go and sell it and use it to do it for him. As for you, what you came to do, you have finished it. He too is coming to replace you. So you have to push the child to let him too get a place; and if you don't take good care of the child and he becomes a problem child, what will you do? So, as for me, the few children I have, I don't play about them (i.e. I pay attention to them). For you the father, if you don't care for him,

you have divorced me, you say you will not look after the child, as for me, it doesn't worry me. (Yes) I too, by all means, I will do what I can to look after the child. Now, I am going to him. And the child whom he says he will not care for, he too, his wife has divorced him. (Is that so?) Now he has no wife. He has taken women like that. Today you are old; you don't have a wife. You stay there. Today, you cannot work. The other day, the child whom I was talking about, his wife, he has come to marry a woman that he was coming to take her away. He has not taken the child away. The child said that she was going to greet him. When she went, about seven o'clock at night, the father himself, was peeling yam. It worried the girl. It worried the girl that her father-in-law was peeling yams at night. (Is that so?) So when the girl came, it seems to me that it was the next day, that she went to the market to buy fish, it was not small, and she fried and cooked "Ampesi" and added to it and again bought fresh yam and added to it. So when I was there, she came to tell me that Aunt, when I was going to his father, but why, father, hasn't he got a wife? Also, recently, he got sick and was admitted at GEE (Kombo Bridge Hospital). When we go to visit him, an elderly woman about my age, used to clean him. Maybe, he and the woman have divorced; I cannot know. That is why I say, "aa, I don't know. So, Aunt, I have gone to make some stew for my father-in-law. ~~and~~

And I said, "I am going to visit him. And when I went, I said, 'Ei', he thanks you. He thanks you. He thanks you with God. Immediately, he said, "Thank Adwoa for me, for Adwoa has come to present something to me." I said, "O, your child whom you didn't care for at school, you have seen that he has become useful. Even his schooling, he passed the common entrance; at that time, common entrance, he passed at Sunyani Technical school. The result came but the child used two addresses. I was staying with a certain man in the same house and one came to his father. For him to give it for us to say that he should buy things (he did not give it up) he did not give it to us and the closing ~~date~~ passed and I roamed about in this town seriously. I got wet at Sunyani like that. I went to Sunyani. The Principal, he said, "O, mother!" I said, "My son, I beg you, a certain man gave it to me; but the one he addressed it to his father, his father did not bring it. His father has divorced me. so he doesn't look after the child. I wept. He said, "O, mother, get up; don't kneel down for it is full (i.e. there is no vacancy) I would have admitted the child for you. I walked through Sunyani like that. And my child and I got wet by the rain before I met the Principal face to face. But he said, "Mother, for your sympathy and the word from your mouth, I would have admitted the child, but

the school is full. So when I came back, I went to Ahmediya. When I went to Ahmediya, they said that they would admit him as a day student. He said, "mother, as for me, as for day; (I don't like it) I said, 'Go. Go as day student. You go as day and come home. When he went as day student for one term, I tried again and got boarding for him. His story is what I am saying. I got boarding for him and he went. His problem, his father did not look after him, his story is what I am saying that his wife prepared food and added things to it and sent them to her father-in-law. But he has not even come for her. He has not come for her. (Your son?) My son. I was saying that his father -; his father's story is what I am saying. (Is he the one who came recently?) Yes, the big one. (Is he the slender one?) Yes, the big one. He has come to take a certain girl that he wants to marry her, so we should perform the customary rites for him. (So, he hasn't gone yet?) No. do you see? As he didn't look after him, you have seen that because he didn't look after him, aunt, as for children, we stay with children at home with patience and prayers. Whatever he is like, take whatever he is like, maybe, the Lord will even change him for you. But push him for him to get a place to stay. When they sent his letter, you received it and put it somewhere without coming to ~~say~~ it; do you see? His wife, he has come to marry;

someone looked after him, his wife has prepared food and has brought it to you. So nobody knows who will look after someone in the world. So, whatever it is, as for a person, when you bring him/her to the world, whatever he/she is like, Agyeiwaah for example, she has no understanding as good as Joyce. So she says anything so I with patience pamper her so her mind will stand firm; she will not misbehave, do you see? We stay with our children. And, disobedience, the bible even said that children's disobedience will come. Some are there; there may be one who comes into it and he/she is very disobedient, but we use patience and pampering to correct him/her and you don't make him/her do what he/she likes, but you use advice and an example is that she says she doesn't like this church. When her mother died she was asked to replace her. I have said it several times. At Easter, when she was going, she said, "Give me money which I will put in the collection box" and I gave her some. Anything. But when she went a bit, she has stopped. So, as for a child, we push him/her every time. The children, that they will not misbehave and have a place to stay. Some of the parents; some of the children are not good but some of the parents, at times, some of the things come from them. Do you see? (And you say, everyone goes to school and they are serious but)

the children, when they go to school, don't they become wise like that? It is my help, my help, that little by little, so by their grace, your mother, I have not built any, but they themselves came to rent this place ~~where I~~ live for me. I have not yet built some. Little by little. I say little by little for not all become perfect. ~~At~~ times, there may be a problem; at times, something happens to you; maybe sickness as I am saying; this place and over there too, it is far away, do you see? (Yes) Yes. It may even be, you made a cassette and sent it to that person and it may be he/she has not received it. Maybe, you don't have money to call him/her on telephone. You don't have money for telephone to go and call. So if there is something you don't have, then you keep quiet. That it may be the Lord will give you something. At times too, these days, at times, these people, they ask those who go to and fro (those who go on the road), there may be someone, maybe when he/she went, these children have said, "Take this to my mother; now, they say Ghana is hard. When he/she even comes, when he/she^{is} coming, he/she uses it to buy goods. Maybe you go to him/her; when he/she has not finished selling the goods, he/she will not mind you. Somebody can do that. (Yes) Somebody can do that, Anan. Somebody can do that. When your child has given him/her money, then he/she uses it to buy goods which he/she is coming to sell. When he/she comes, unless he/she has finished collecting the goods to sell to get his money,)

he/she will not give the money to you. And it
 may be, you too, you stay here and you are
 hungry. You are hungry, Aunt. And you are
 hungry, and you are in difficulty. One of my
 children, ~~she~~ She went abroad and sent money
 that, "take it to my mother." Her child was even
 with me. When she came, she did not bring the
 money, Aunt. She did not bring the money. She did
 not bring the money. My child too, she knew that
 she will bring me the money. She did not bring the
 money. The money ~~was~~ with her like that. Then I
 became serious. I was serious. So, for that day
 I got money and I went to make a call. And I
 said, Amma, I am hungry; I am worried; I am
 hungry. She said, "O, mother, I say, such and
 such a person should bring money to you. Do you
 know, Aunt, when I go, she gives me twenty
 thousand, ten thousand, like that (Oh! She
 has wasted it) The money has been wasted. Maybe,
 if she had gives me the whole amount of money to
 buy goods to sell, I would have made some
 profit. You did not give it to me. When I go,
 "Ei, mother, today", and she does nothing. The
 Ghanaians, that is how some of them behave. (Yes)
 So, if she hasn't got a good person that she knows,
 maybe like Aunt Mary who is sitting here and when
 she goes, she will go and give it to my mother, she
 will not give it to her. She will not give it to her.
 She will not give it to her. Someone will go and speak
 nicely. Maybe, she will not see my mother. Maybe,
 she has not even seen you, ~~but~~ she says, when
 I went, I saw her. So, if some of the children are

abroad at all, at times, we suffer. Sometimes, when you get up, even half penny, I don't get it to buy food to eat. But it is not their fault. Maybe when she got surprised, she knows that her mother is in Ghana, she is suffering, so I too, I should send this to her. When you give it to the person, the person will not take it to her. So if she hadn't got a good person, she will not send the money. She will not give it to her for her to come and spend it. That is it. So every time, we suffer. Some of our sisters and brothers are not good. And we are really suffering. We are suffering so as for me, as for the school, even today that I am an old woman, if a grandchild of mine says he/she will go, I will push him/her to go. So, in our country here, it is hard over here, it is hard over here; here, if I say that it is not hard over here, then I am lying. As for some, they have a lot, they are happy; but for some, it is not everyday. So, in this country, it is not pleasant over here. It is not pleasant over here; You may come to take Aunt Mary away. (And what sometimes let the world go down like that? You have seen that now, many people, they say they are serious and seriousness it is but the world has gone down like that; what has made it come like that?) Now for the world which has gone down, it is because people have become too many. That I say everyday, people, in the past people were not too many like that. Today, people have become too many. Little children have had many children. Today at an

age that she should not have a child at all, it is said on TV. - something even - even a small child, a girl, then she has a child. So it has let people become too many, too many and a place where food at all, - there is no food. The food, you have to go far away before you get some. (Yes) Do you see? And if you don't have money, how are you going to get some. So it has let problems, - as for Ghana now, as for problems, we have a lot with us. We have problems with us. As for Ghana, few individuals are living comfortably. (Yes) Yes. As for Ghana, there are problems over here. (And what is your comfort? Like, there are individuals who are comfortable) Then individuals (And what makes it come like that?) That he/she feels comfortable? (Yes) There may be someone, even in his/her home, there is sympathy (Yes) And there is sympathy. There may be someone, if I have some, I have some, as I am saying that when you gave me some, I went to give some to my sister. (Yes) There may be someone, in whose home, someone has a lot, (of money) but he/she will not give him/her some. Do you see? The money, there is some you search for, there is some too, you get. Do you see? (Yes) As Poku Transport and others are in town here as big men, his brother, his father's children's children at all, he has taken them; the work he is doing, he is doing the work with them. Do you see? (Hm.) That is it. There may be a family, ^{members} if your work at all is what he/she is doing, he/she will be doing it with all of them.)

And it shows that, that person thinks about his/her fellow man. If there is a sister, it makes her too feels comfortable. Even if she is not comfortable at all, she is not sick. So her child has got something to do, her child is working, she too, she is working; that is comfort. If there is strength, that is comfort. And there is someone also who has some, but he will not help any family member. Do you see? (Is that so?) Mr Poku for example, as he is there, he represents many people (Yes) Yes. He represents many people; his father's children, his own children, the family, everything. He represents many people, as he is there like that. And to every person, if his building is one, he says, this person should take this, this sister of his, go and stay in this, this person should take this; that is it. His houses are many, he has shared them for everyone. If you are his father's child, his child at all, if he is doing some work, then he calls you, "Come and let us go and do it." "Come and do some work (Yes) Do you see?" And someone, ^{too,} may be there, if he has some like that, even his brother/sister, he will not mind him/hers and that brings the problem. (Yes) So, we Ghanaians, some think about people, others don't think about people. Look at what I am saying. This father about whom I am talking, he is a very great helper. And if you have an uncle, maybe he has a building; he says, "Come and stay in it. You go to stay in it. You won't pay rent; you have got it free. So, if you too go

to work at all, you will use it to buy something to eat. That means that you have ^{to} come, settle on something, and you won't have problems. And maybe you have an uncle; he has many houses in this town; he won't give you some; you rent somebody's. Maybe at the end of the month, when you check your expenditure, you won't have some to pay your rent, not counting your light bill and the bill for your water which you will drink. Then you are worried. That is the case. Just now as I was talking about my junior sister that if I have some place, like my own house, I would say, as for you, marry your husband, and you too, here is your room, come and stay in it with your children. But, I don't have some like that, so, the problem then comes. Do you see? So, there may be someone who thinks about people; there are some too, who —

Why, excuse me to say, these white people, when they come, maybe, they even work. As they walk around, if everyone enters a place, she takes out her money and gives it to somebody as gift? Nobody does that. That is the case. So there may be a person who thinks about people; God's word is in her/his head. There may be someone too who doesn't think about people; he/she thinks about himself/herself only. That is how, we, the Ashantis, we, the Twi people are like. Even, there may be somebody, when he/she gets this, he/she doesn't like that his/her brother/sister too gets it. He/she alone wants to get it. The world too was not planned like that. That is why every time, we have problems.)

When you get some and you will give some to your brother/sister, then you will be a merciful person to have mercy for a brother/sister of yours, we will not have problems. (Yes) Yes. Someone too, wants for himself/herself alone; that is why every time, we have problems. There may be someone, when he/she is working in a place, maybe in government work is what he/she is doing, then he/she wants a brother/sister to go away for him/her to take the work. (Yes). As for Europe or America, it seems to me that you are not like that otherwise you would not welcome Abantia. So in our Twi country, we are selfish all the time. It is even today that by the grace of God, Churches have been set up and we have heard the word of God. Many people have understood the word of God and it has given love. As for today even, I will say that the love, because of Christ, the love is there a bit (Yes, more than the past. Do you say there is some than the past?) Then, in the past, in the past, in the past, our grandparents we came to meet, they loved themselves. But people of today and as I am saying, because of Christ, today we draw people to us. And ~~as for~~ our grandparents who have passed away, we cannot compare ourselves to them. They had love; they were one. Our grandparents who have passed away had unity. If he/she had this, he/she wanted his/her brother/sister to come to him/her to eat some. In the past, when they finished preparing one meal, all of us, old women, we would eat out alone; those of the same age group, they would have theirs and all of them will eat together in one bowl. And all of us,

you, you will eat some; Aunt Mary will eat some. For today too, no, we don't do it like that.

As for me, when I finish cooking, all my children, everyone will get his/hers. No one wants to eat with his/her brother/sister. They have become like you. They have become white people. Because of civilisation, they have become like you. Everyone wants to set his/her table to eat. You and all your brothers/sisters don't eat together. Even if the table is there, everyone takes his/hers to the table and eats it.

In the past too, the grandparents were not doing it like that. All of us, we finish our fufu, all of us, our hands are in it (i.e. all of us eat from a common bowl). When you are eating and you don't eat properly, you will be in trouble. Maybe even the food, you don't eat properly, they say, "Eat what is in front of you. Eat what is in front of you." So, even if you are not full, you will stay right there. When your mothers finish eating, you will be sitting by the food like that. When your mothers finish eating, then you remove the bowl from there and you wash it. (Yes) For today too, it is not like that.

(And you say jealousy has made it so?) Hmm, when you get it, then it pains your brother/sister. (Yes)

When you get some, then it pains a brother/sister of yours. Even when you have eaten, then it pains him/her. He/she knows that when you were small, you didn't do this. For me at all, as I am there at all, I don't have even half penny. Then he/she has got you to laugh at you and he/she goes out to tell others: "Ho, this useless person. When she gets up, she doesn't cook at her house. Do you see?"

(Yes) Even at home, it is like that. Even at home, it is like that. When you eat, it pains everyone. All what I am doing is envious. So today, Christ is not in us. We take the white cloth for nothing to sit in the church with white headkerchief for nothing. And the preaching the pastor will give, as soon as we reach outside, it doesn't stay in us. For that person wants that as soon as she gets up, then she becomes like this. There is no money. You don't have some to go and buy food to eat. Yes, that she may get you and go and laugh at you outside. So when you get up and the Lord helps you to eat, then that person feels jealous. That is how Ghana is like. Ei! as for her, she is comfortable, she has peace. As soon as she gets up, ei!, as soon as she gets up, she feels comfortable. As you look at me, so at times, don't I eat? Even us, as we live here, Aunt, as for you, Europe or America, as for you, as you don't consider chickens as expensive thing, when you get up and the Lord put something (i.e. money) in your hand and you say on Sunday, maybe I am even at home; I have gone to buy my chicken, I am killing it to eat. They will talk about it. Ei!, she is rejoicing. When you get up, chickens do you eat; do you see? Here, in Europe or America, chickens, you don't value, we too, over here, unless maybe someone comes to present you some or Aunt Mary living in her own house wants it, she can raise a lot. If one day she gets up and she cannot go and buy meat, she kills some and eat it quietly. But if

you live in someone's house, you don't have peace; Aunt. You don't have peace. For, when you eat, you are in trouble. If you don't eat, that is what people like. (Yes) If you were to get your own Boys' Quarters, you live in it, and you don't eat, nobody sees it; If I have not eaten nobody saw it; my children and me; I live on my own. If you live like this, then you may pray that the Lord may let you have a place, a place like where Aunt Mary is; such a place. Nobody ~~knows~~ your secret.

- And he has given me some. I and an uncle of mine; my junior uncle whom I was saying that he has given him one and he has taken one, saying Aunt, you too come for it. I said, ei! Sir, I thank you. And this, when you came and I have hot water on fire and I am killing it, you will say that I have gone to the market to buy a chicken. Because of that, we are praying that the Lord will let us have a small place to put our heads. And then, whether I eat or I do not eat, then it is for the free grace of the Lord. If I buy kenky at all and I come to eat it, I have eaten; it isn't plantain alone that is considered as food. Even kenky, if you eat it, you become full. Yesterday like this, I was saying that I bought kenky, it may be the other day, it is three days today, and I went to put them by the fire side. So, yesterday, when I came, they did not buy plantain for me. I said, as for them, they should eat their rice. The rice, when I eat it in the evening like that, I don't like it. Kenky, it was that I added soup to it and I ate it. That made me fufu, it is the same as fufu, it is the same as plantain, do you see? So aunt, we are praying that the Lord will let us have a place to go and put our heads, then there will be no problem. If it doesn't happen like that, then you don't have peace, you don't have comfort. As for today, that troublesome fellow, ~~Taa~~ Siasa, how ~~she~~ was behaving. I say, at this time, ~~she~~ would be sitting at the entrance (to the house) (And where is she?) Maybe, she has gone out; maybe, she is up there. (Yes;

I have not seen him for a long time. Very often, because I go to work, I don't stay at the store, I don't go out) The other day for example, Friday, when I came, Aunt, fanning of fire, with smoke killing me, and I was in the room here. What I said I was coming to do, I didn't do it at all. For it was difficult in the house here. It was difficult. Black smoke. Aunt, when it was about three o'clock, I saw people coming one by one. And his mother, the day we had wake-keeping, did you see that in the evening, she came to the funeral? (No, I didn't see her) This child, how she treated his mother. (Why?) Ei' she insulted her all the time. Her sisters were up there. They have locked the doors. They were inside (Why should he alone talk? You should remove her from the house, otherwise she will kill a person. He will kill a person) Aunt, I knelt down to her. Please, Lord, the day has dawned on me, look after us for us to go and come. Aunt. (It is you, yourself) (It is not good news) The woman we came to interview who is in charge, madam Werekswa, she has one child, yes; something like madman) (Aa' true) (Yes, so he causes trouble at this place very much. So sometimes, when he gets angry, he draws a cutlass. So if you are here, you don't go out and you are in your room. There is one girl living in the house there. She is learning some work at madam Nyarko's place. She is learning to be a seamstress with madam Nyarko; her child. One day he was passing, the boy was passing; then he entered madam Nyarko's store and

went to slap the girl several times (ou!) So when it happens like that, even his mother, he draws a cutlass that he will kill her. When this happens, no one can leave the house here.) Now, his grandparent has gone. (The old woman?) She has gone. (She has gone where?) She has gone to their town. (Has she moved from here?) She has moved. Have you seen her in this area recently, Aunt? (No, because, at times I go to work.) Right. She moved about three weeks ago. (Is that so?) Even me, when I leave this place, I shall go and look for her. Yes. (Does she live far away?) Ei! She says, he will cut off her head. Ei! He says, he will cut off the head of this old woman like using a saw to cut something (Yes) (The mother of madam Werekwas) (Yes) He says, he will cut off her head. (This old woman, now, so she has gone to her town?) Yes. He should be sent to Ankafu to go and see a psychiatrist) And I say, sometimes, I park these tables in front here. When he comes, he pushes them to create noise, pom! pom! in front here. And I lifted it and put in the room. "Beasts, beasts, beasts, beasts; bush people; beasts." And I remained quiet. So on Friday, when I came home, when I came, what noise! Immediately, I locked the door and locked everything and remained there. So when it was about three o'clock, then all of us came and then, I opened my door and went to prepare my food. (The day he came to do that, immediately his father became angry with him and he said, "if you are mad, I am also mad." Ei! the father.)

became angry. Then; he is afraid of man. Then even, the other day, he did the same again. (He is afraid of man, and the father said that if he ~~was~~ mad, he also ~~was~~ mad. So he will kill him. Ei! If he is mad and if he will, he should fight his mother, and beat his mother, and if he hits him again, he too, will kill him. And the father remained quiet and looked at him. Aunt, this, that I am saying, I was not there; I was in the house when the children came to say that, this is what has happened. Even, I was going to work, so as for me, I took a car and went to my work. When I came, the boy has gone to stand at J.E.S place, where the boys repair TV. He says, I, she Aunt Mary; when this case happened, I was not there. When he finished fighting, he went to stand at the junction. She, Aunt Mary, she and her children who are here, their faces are like monkeys. She, she Aunt Mary who lives there, she and her children, their faces are like monkeys, they are insulting me. I too, when this case happened, I was not there. He insulted me like that. When he went away, he said, "Kyeo!" And he held my blouse (ou!) (aa!) He insulted me like that. A bush person like you! I said, look here! I am not really a bush person. I am not a bush person at all. Being first in Kamasi is a misfortune, otherwise I am not just a Kamasi person. This town, I was born in this town and I am not a bush person. I am not a bush person. (He was in Europe or America. The boy was in Europe or America.) (Is that so. He went there?) (It seems to me; it seems to me I heard it but I don't know whether it is)

true. They say that he was going with cocaine and they arrested him. So they might have injected him with some or they did ~~something~~ to him, and that has spoiled his mind. It is said that they were two. They were two. There was another one who was among; as for him —) (Yes) (So you should have taken him to a psychiatrist; do you see? If he is at home like that, he will kill someone.) He said that day that a certain lady used to go with him. He and a certain lady. He mentioned her name. He said that it was she who made him smoke some of the cocaine. (Did he say that the lady made him smoke some of it?) The lady made him smoke some. (Did the boy say it?) Yes. (Yes) So when you stay here, then it means that — (And you know that cocaine is not good for anybody. When you smoke it, it is not good for you; why do you go and give it to someone?) Yes. (Yes) He makes noise like that. So, these days, when he ~~does~~ that, I go to the market; ~~in the evening, when I come, if I am going to church at all, then I pass there to church. In the evening, then I come, I am not going to church. When I am going, I take my cloth. When I will go, then I dress up and go to church; in the evening, then I come. When I come too, sometimes, I ask the children, should I pass here? then I come. (At times, when they are at home at all, it is dangerous.)~~ Ei! Aunt, it is so. (It is a problem) We are just praying (At one time too, the Sepwi people, ei! he took a cutlass; he was going to kill them.) hmn, hmn, hmn, Ei! And they reported to the police (So for three days,

they had not completed their case. They put them in for three days before they finished.) Even his sisters, he draws a knife on them. These days, all her children are in my room here. They sleep there with my children; they are afraid.

Last Sunday for example, when all of them returned from church, they came to stay here. Even his father, sometimes, he comes to stay here; Sundays like that. (What you are saying, have you seen that there is a boy sitting in my store. A small boy. They say that the boy was looking for the father. The was lying there and he got up. So when he was running, it is said he entered my store. You have seen that there is another way that opens into the house. And he ran and entered the store and came into the house and hid in the farm over there.)

(Yes) So, as for that place, when it is about that time, then he has taken this place and by the grace of the market, even if it is not pleasant, I stay at my place a bit. There is no peace here.

Run away from black ants, and fall into fire. So I am pleading with God. (But, have you seen that I want to know what the government can do that the country can go up a bit. And you too, I ask you that, in your own mind, show what the government can do that it will help people that they will have comfort a bit?) As for the government, Aunt, where are you? All has been — when you are doing anything, it is money matters; this school, it has gone up, many things, many things, all are money matters. And greater part also is from, Aunt, one thing which in our

country here, I was saying, is jealousy. Some of ^{the} things are even there which at times too, we put the blame on those countries. Some of the things are there which at times are from ourselves, ~~what we ourselves~~ have, and the big people who make the things. Some of the things too, have gone up, do you see? (Yes) Hm. One head can't take a decision. And maybe, we are going to do something and all of us have decided that we are going to do this thing, ~~and~~ if we plead that it should come down, it will come down; do you see? And they too, as he knows that when he enters here, he will get it to eat (ie for himself), he will not think about his brother/sister who is behind him. And that means that it makes things go up every time. It affects the country. And every time we are in our country here, we don't reduce prices. You are making this decision with him. All of you have ^{gone} to parliament to take decision with him. So if there is something which are making it to go up, you should tell him that we are making it to come down a bit. And you who are among, you throw it to let it go up. So, he too alone, his mind cannot do it. Even when the things are there, then we put the blame on him. At times, I cannot put the blame on him; do you see? (Yes) For three days, why Aunt has let me talk is that, a sister of mine is at the market right now; (Yes) it has been a long time a bit. Her child sent her a car from Europe or America; do you know? (Yes) Her child sent her a car. The date is what I have forgotten. I will ask her; if I will see you again before you go)

to America, I shall tell you. Her child sent her a car. She has become so tired. She is at the market right now. She is tired as I am in this market. Her child has sent her a car. Maybe, she will sell it and use the money to help her business. Maybe, she will sell her thing and use the money to put up a house to live in at all, you don't know. When the car came to the harbour, someone took it. This woman has become so furious. When they look for the car, they don't find it. (Oh! somebody has stolen it.) Someone has stolen it. Some of her own people. Some of the senior military officers. He has stolen the car to Hohoe. (The car is beautiful) (Oh!) The car is beautiful. He has taken it. This woman will search for the car and search, and search, and search, but to no avail. She searched for the car for a long time. When she goes, she doesn't get the car. What then happened is that she investigated it through the big men. She said, "You may let me go and see Rawlings". This sister was serious. They said, "Why, madam?" "You are looking for him for what?" She went into it in Accra for some time. Then, she said that she went. As she was saying, "I, myself, I say, I have talked with Rawlings; I went." She said that when she arrived there, she got chance and went to see this her child. He said, "Should we give you water to drink?" She said, "My child, by your grace, it's fine." (i.e no, thank you). He asked, he let them ask for her mission. She said, "My lord;" She said she was kneeling down; this lord said, "Mother, get up and sit in the chair")

and whatever message you brought, say it for me to listen to it." She said, "Father, your mother, I have scratched inside my nails (i.e. I have made effort) to have a child. This child has gone abroad. He/she went to Europe or America and it is not Europe or America of today. He/she has brought me a car. The car cannot be found and I say, I am coming before you. I say, they may give me chance to come before you. Father, this is my message I brought." They said that he called his big men; so quickly they came. Some of the big men know the one; one of the big men took the car. (Yes) One of the big men stole the car away. They went into it, and went into it, and went into it for some time. They brought this car to this woman but the car was not working. There was nothing she could do about it again; do you see? (Aa!) (Was he going to pay her or what was he going to do?) He is paying her or he is doing what? As for the car, when they talked about it, this lord said that they should go and collect her thing for her. Some of the big men have taken action, they went to collect the car for this sister. The car has spoiled. Now, this car is spoiled and she says, she doesn't want it. She doesn't want it today nor tomorrow (i.e. she doesn't want it again) (Hmm. If it has spoiled, then they should take it.) Yes; what has been brought to her which is now standing at the harbour and the car has got missing and at this time, it has been found from a person, (and it is spoiled) then it has spoiled. This car, they have driven it and it has

become an old car. And she, a woman, she should take it and does she have money to go and buy the car parts to repair? She is at the market as I am at the market. She gave the car to the man (And he too, took it) She gave it to him as a gift. He took it, and Aunt, I am telling you something. What happened was that she didn't go to this Lord again (i.e. Ranting). The big men who led her to find it were those she went to inform them that the car has been brought to her but where the car came from, she no longer wants the car; he should take it. And even a person, excuse me to say, God creates a person, he/she is born to come. Maybe he/she is coming to do something, but he/she dies, and death carries him/her away, it isn't like a car. So the means through which my child brought me the car, maybe, God will give him the grace, if he/she is not dead, he/she may bring another one so she doesn't like the car; they may take the car. And they took the car. As time went by, and this big family I am talking about, her sister's daughter, a lady, in Accra, unknown to them, her husband is this man. She doesn't know anything about it. And what she heard was that there is a funeral in their house. And they said that this lady's husband is coming. What is he? They said, he is one of the senior military officers. When he came, here is this man. Aunt, here is a story that I have mentioned today. (Ei! Sh! It is serious) Here is the man; yes, the devil, we have put out. Adwoa! Adwoa! Here is the man, aunt. My sister's daughter's husband has stolen my car. (The one who stole)

her car, he is the one who has come there.) He is the one who has come there. He is the one who has come there. Aunt, there are many things in Accra which at times they put the blame on him. When they brought it, they put it at the harbour; he knows nothing about it. You too, it has come there. You have stolen it away. It is not yours. If you did not take steps to investigate that this father wherever he lives, why is that my child has sent me a car and I don't find it; it has come to this place and the car, I don't find it. Look at it that they have taken the car to some place to drive (use) it. So many of the things, if maybe, he were to do something at all and we and the people around him say that we are going to do it like this, would this government not progress much? And those of us who are around it, because of selfishness and embezzlement at every time and the troubles, (yes) it doesn't allow the country to progress. He, he, when he gets it, ~~and he and his wife~~ and his children are comfortable, he doesn't think that maybe Aunt Mary too, she is suffering. It means that I want what I will eat only. So every time things go up. Today when you buy a thing, when you go tomorrow, the price has gone up. (yes) And if all of us were to go to parliament and if we were to think about the country, it cannot jump up high like that. Do you see? Aunt, that is how it is. (Yes, all right, I understand) That is how it is. As for him, we say that he is the President, he looks after us. You too, every time, he has to do things. We are about twenty or ten; we

are all saying this today. Ei! We will do it like this. Think about a brother, sister who also lives ~~over~~ at a village carrying a basket of plantain. They too, they don't think about them; do you see? They don't think about them. His own people with whom they form that government, they don't think about people. So, as for me, I will not put the blame on the lord (ie. Rawlings). If they think of us, the country would not go on like that to make prices of goods become big, big, big everyday like that. That is why the country has become like that. They don't think of us. So part comes from ourselves. The thing is from us to make the country go so fast like that. Like the car case I am talking about. It is not only this; there are many. When they bring them to us like that, when our children bring them to us like that, they steal and take them; they don't give them to us. Your mother, as I am sitting there talking, my sister, I am talking about, what made her to know, ~~that~~ sister, of mine, she married an Akwapem person. Did you know that, the Ministers, some of the District Commissioners, someone was called Akuffo Addo (? the one who comes from this place, Akwapem Akuropong) Yes, his son. (And he, this place, Peduase Lodge.) His son is that child who sent this car. So it meant that in the past this thing (government), he and Kwame Nkrumah did everything. Because of that, we investigated, though this sister has divorced him; an example is what I was saying that I sent my apology to this father. Even if I have divorced

him, I have children with him so you are not enemies at any time; do you see? So she went into it and this man discovered the stages he will take which led to the discovery of it; do you see? And somebody's child has sent her something; it is not yours. You, you are there, you are getting your monthly pay. If you are not satisfied with the monthly pay which the Lord has given you, then pray. Someone has gone to suffer from sweat. An example is mine that I am talking about; I don't hide my problem; I said, my pen was what I took to go and ~~sell~~ which I used to pay my child's school fees; do you see? And if by the grace of God ~~she~~ ~~has~~ got something and he is bringing it to me, then you too, you are by the side, then you say, I will take it, God doesn't like that. God, he doesn't like that, you see? And you have come to take it. She is at the market and she has scratched inside her finger nails (i.e. has made effort) to look after her child. He has brought her a car. He says, my mother, sell it, mother and use it to help your business. You too, you sit at the office there that it is mine. I am going to ride it. I and my wife and my children are going to ride it. Look, if a person knows, he/she would not commit sin in the world, do you see? When you did everything you could to make this woman sad and wept in tears, unknown to you, you were coming back to her family. We were going to the funeral in a group; we became aware of this man, as they were greeting, here is such and such a person's husband's brother.)

What a disgrace! It is said that this man stayed in the room, he could not come out. He remained in the room, he could not come out. The room in which they took him to stay, when we were coming to say welcome to him at all, he could not come to the place where the funeral was taking place (ou!). Do you see? You are from Accra. You came from Accra with a group! Look, what a disgrace. You were coming, you didn't know you were coming to meet Ashantis at this place. Do you see? So Aunt, if a person knows, he/she should walk about without committing sin. Our grandparents, my grandparent who is dead and who gave birth to my mother, sometimes, it is through her at all that someone, Ei! here is such and such a person's grand child, then someone may be doing something for me. Because she didn't leave anything bad behind her so I am benefitting from it. Do you see? Here is such and such a person's grandchild. Ei! This is such and such a person's grandchild. When I did this, if I had not met her, it might have been this. (Yes) Do you see? And she has saved me. That is it from generation to generation. And when this young man, it is necessary that it will — I too, at times, the greater part of it is from ~~two~~ our own groups which we cannot — as for him, money belongs to him, he knows that he will get money right now so he will not be honest with you and he is taking it to use ~~it~~ to benefit himself. That is why everyday our country doesn't make any

progress. Greater part is from the people in our own country (Yes) Tel. So every time the things keep jumping up. In our place here, we don't reduce price of goods. In your place they buy goods at wholesale price; goods they are selling at second hand items, some have been used? When they are in the store and become old, then you remove them and you sell them to us. (Yes) Do you see? You are thinking of us. They too, he, when he is going to be there, he will not think of us that the thing at all, I am reducing it for someone to buy. He is looking for what he and his wife and his children alone will get. The world too, we don't stay in like that. In your place, your stores are big, big types and it has let some, in town here, some of these women to have money. They say, when you reach America, there are some, ~~some~~ of the stores are there which for about ten years, they have not opened them ~~and~~ the things in them, in the past too, they were honest; as soon as he goes and they give the store to him, when he goes, and they take small amount of money from him, then he/she pays it and brings the goods. When he/she comes to finish selling them, he/she can go and pay and the goods in the store, he/she takes and brings them. And it made money of the women who first started store business put up big big houses in this town. Honestly, and same too, today too, there is no honesty in it. He/she wants what he/she will get his/her share. right now. In that way too, you did not think of your brother or sister. So it

allows the country go up everyday. So in our country here, we don't think of ourselves. Those of us who are in parliament, they don't think of us; our brothers/sisters who are behind. Maybe, a child's school fees, maybe his/her children are about two or three. The school fees are going up and maybe they are reducing prices of certain things. All they like is increase in prices. Though we are many, but if they would say something, the country would not go so high, goods would not go up. As for him, he is sitting there, and I was saying that maybe he doesn't know what goes on outside. Some of the things may even be there that he has not heard. This at all, what I am saying, was a new thing before him but you have stolen it; as for you, you are riding it, you and your wife and your children, have packed it and riding it. It is not fine. We are not honest to ourselves. Every time, we are struggling and if we could follow what we have said and think of a brother/sister too; if you are honest, then you think of your brother/sister; but if you are not honest, you will not think of any brother/sister. Therefore honesty that is not in us, makes us worry every time. It doesn't make our money enough for us to spend. In this very country, we have our own money, gold in £, £, — There is a town now that when it has rained like this, unlike today, formerly, about four years ago, when you attend a funeral, and it rains like this, you will see that there is money (gold) in the water; you dig up a little bit;

When you come, you ~~may have~~ about four thousand Cedis. Won't you use it to buy food to eat? (True) In our own country here, there is money here but we ourselves are not honest (In this town at all ~~where~~ there some?) Yes, we are not honest.

(When I was at Bompata, and I was attending school, it rained the whole morning and we went. They were little like sand. So we used brooms to pick them little by little. Even some were ear rings. But what was left, after a while, I got money and I didn't know so I left it for my grandparent. Somebody took it.)

When it rains like that, you can get gold from the ground. Even in my town, Kenyasa, when it rains, there may be a place, when you search, you get money (gold) and you bring it ~~to~~ a gold smith and they give you money. Do you see? But we are not honest right now.

Everyone wants to be fast to be rich and right now so he/she tells lies because he/she wants to be bigger than a brother/sister. That too - (i.e. is not good) (Yes) I for example, a white

person for example, today, your dress you are wearing, when you get ^{up} tomorrow, when God helps you and you dry it, if you will iron it and wear it, nobody minds it. Today too,

people of today, they don't like it like that. So he/she wants the money very fast; that tomorrow he/she gets this, the next day, then he/she gets it, the next day, hum, the same. That too is not there, you see? That too is not good.

So every time, it doesn't let the country progress.

If you live in it and God doesn't help you, then

you are worried. ~~Even~~ at times when you go to a doctor, ^{and} they prescribe some medicine for you, you don't get money to go and buy. You are there and maybe you die. (Yes). There are many doctors at Ge. (ie Kumpu Ankya Hospital) like that. Those who have to prescribe the drugs, brother/sister, I am coming; I am going, I am coming. Maybe, they don't get money to go and buy. He/she is there, the drug was not brought. But maybe, when you take the medicine, you may have life. But because there is no money, then you die. Sometimes, we say that money is not a drug for death, but at times money is a drug for death. There may be a drug which when they prescribe for you and you go and buy and take it, immediately, you feel fine. Look, recently, I was always sick, I had ~~tuberculosis~~, look at your mother. Even the other day, when you went, it has come like that: They prescribed some drug for me. The drug, the doctor said that I should drink it, it is a blood tonic also; he will give me an injection. And I went; they said fifteen thousand. When I went, I said, "Ei! doctor and as for this, doctor." He said, "Mother, hasten, go and buy and bring it; go and buy and bring it. So when I went to buy it, he injected me with it like that, and all of it got finished. He said that if he says that I may go and buy what is to be drunk, it will not go into the blood, the blood vessel, quickly so he will inject me with it and it will go into the blood vessel quickly. So immediately I went to buy and as soon as I finished the injection, they examined

my blood and they said that it was good; and after some days, he said that I should go and buy one more. I said, doctor, I will not get it. He said, then go and buy and bring it. And I went to buy half and it was seven thousand.

What I am saying is about three years ago. If I didn't have that fifteen thousand to go and buy it, I would have died (True) But, this I am saying, when I got up, I was not sick (Yes) And a sister of mine, her husband is dead, and they were bringing it from Accra and we were preparing food for the people from Accra.

And as for me, when I went, my duty was the cleaning of bowls, aluminium bowls. Whilst I was there my arm was contracting and my leg was contracting. Then I began to sweat and I felt weak and I told one of my children to hold me to enable me to get up. She said, Aunt, why? I said, I am sick. Then, I was weak, I felt weak. I was sweating. Then, I was about to fall down and they held me. A doctor had come. I even said, doctor Poku is my doctor so they should take me there and if he says that I should go to Glee. — They said, Aunt, there is a doctor here and let us take you to him. They took me to this doctor. He examined me very well; he said I should be admitted and at seven o'clock, he will let me come home. At seven o'clock, he will give me one injection again. So at seven o'clock, he gave me an injection before I took a car, and it was even my sister that brought me home, at this place, (Yes) and I came.

to sleep for a long time. So the next day in the morning, I was a bit finer. I went to the doctor again. As soon as I went, he examined me; he said, "bring your faeces." He will examine my blood too. He examined my blood. He said, "Mama, you will go and buy blood tonic, and it is very expensive, so I will like you to go and buy it yourself. And he gave me a prescription form so I, myself, came to town and bought it and brought it to him and he injected me. As he did it, it was fifteen thousand, Aunt; if I didn't have it, I would have died. (Yes) I would have died, (True) do you see? So, partly, at times, they prescribe a drug for you and you may not have the money. Recently, they said, a certain man, he had a car accident or what; they put him in P.O.P and they were taking money from him. He had paid some and he could not get the rest. Then when they could not find him, he had gone to drink the local gin known as "Apetehye". When he came, he started caring the nursing sister. (Yes, they say that he went to beat a nursing sister over there) (Is that so?) He doesn't have it; the money. (He used a cane) What they have charged him, he has paid some; what is left, he doesn't have it, and he said he was going to bring it. He was going to bring it. They said they would not let him go. And he did it slowly. How he went to get the 'Apetehye', where he got it from, he drank some. (They said it) When he drank it, he was making noise. He was serious. If he had the

money, he would pay but he doesn't have it. So, because he doesn't have it, (and he drew a stick and beat the nurses. The sick people were there.) Immediately, the sick people who were there, he drew the stick and he was beating them with it. You, you are sick, you have come to be treated, it is because of your money. (Ei!) And when he was treated and he had it, and gave it to them, there would have been no trouble. Yesterday, you came to pass, you came to pass away, the other day, as soon as you came to pass away, this young man, he was a carrier. He was a carrier, nobody knows what happened, his eyes, he complained of pains in his eyes. And whether he went to a doctor or he applied some herbs or what else, it has affected the other one; today, he doesn't see things. And it seems to me that he has no wife and that he has no children or what else too. A young tall man, very handsome, and he walks around the market saying, "was I like this?" And when he comes on our line, because he was a carrier, he got a lot of money. Everyone — (Does he beg for things?) Yes, he begs for things, Aunt, his eyes, and he uses walking stick; he is not accompanied by anyone. And everybody knows him. They say that he was a trowler pusher and a carrier too, carrying goods. And a young handsome man. He says, "was I like this?" "Was I not carrying your goods?" The world is painful. Lord, I would like it if I am dead at all. Lord, and why don't you come and take me away. And he walks along the line slowly. And this person

holds his walking stick for him and he passes; this person holds here, and they throw money to him like that; money, they throw to him.

Aunt, so in our country here, so it is painful. It is painful in our country here. It is very painful in our country here. It is painful in our country here, aunt. Good, so, ~~and~~ for now, I cannot say; it is going up very much; (Yes) it is going up.

For, in our country here, even yam, today, we buy some for two thousand Cedis and three thousand

Cedis. The queen at all, her mother is dead. A tractor threw her away the other day. My sister, a complete queen. Aunt, if she had passed by, I would have come with her to introduce her to you. She will come and thank me. She is the queen mother at Tanoso. She says, she went to the bush to buy yams; the tractor, she was sitting on it; she did not see. Suddenly what she saw was that she was lying in the doctor's room. (Ow!) (Ow!)

And her mother, ~~was~~ an old woman, was in the room.

So her junior sister is caring for her. As she was there, one of her children said that they should come and tell you that mother too —

(is dead) and even tomorrow, they will celebrate the forty days anniversary. And this person, she has occupied elder's stool. If there was anything at all, she should have stayed and for the North like that, she should stop going. But, if she doesn't go to the North, she and her little children who are left with her, they will not eat. So we have a lot of problems in our country here. A lot of problems. We have problems,

We have problems. As you are there, sometimes, America, they bring food to present to us. Recently, there was starvation; our church, they brought us cooking oil, and they had brought us rice and wheat; what a fine scent! I like it very much. (Ah, the wheat) The wheat; I like it very much. And the church, and it was three days today, they said that Americans brought them to us as gift. I said, ei! Lord, as for these people, they are sympathetic (inside their heads are good words) At times, they say everyone should bring a thing for cooking oil, and they give you wheat and they give you milk powder, and you take it away. Every time, they say that some white people from America have come, they have come to present goods and they have brought some to every church. And the Seventh Day Adventist, that church, the Americans like it very much so they often come to give them goods as gift. (Are you a member of the S. D. A. Church?) Yes. They often come to give us goods. So after a short time, they say some white people have come. Recently many came to Town Hall and gave us free treatment. When they come, you say the disease you have and what not, then they examine you and give you medicine and they went away. So we thank you. We don't share thanks with you. You often care for Ghanaians very much. May God give you life in abundance He may grant you long life and strength. We thank you. You have love for Ghanaians very much. So we thank you with God. (All right, then, I also thank you. You have told me many things).