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Dear Tony

Greetings!

Thank you for your letter. There are many things I could say in response but realise that you are hurting and in no way do we want to add to it except to point out that it has been the practice of the Executive for at least 30 years that when a minister falls morally he is not afforded the privelege of resignation, but has his credential revoked. This has been done every time and so, you weren't particularly singled out. The reason for this is straight-forward in that a person who has failed morally has lost the right to just simply resign and withdraw. More stronger action has to be taken, and thus, the reason for our decision.

I am sure there are flaws in the system. It grieves me to see it happen. I am also disappointed that the follow-up program hasn't worked. The normal structure is that such programs are the responsibility of the State and District Executives who then are supposed to get alongside of the fallen brother and re-establish and build him back up. I know the N.S.W. brethren have been very concerned in no way to hurt you, and I am sure that if you talk the matter over with Brian and ask for a plan of rehabilitation to be set up, they would seek to do so even though it is rather belated.

I think, Tony, from what you have told me of your personal battle with your problem over the last number of years that, just to come back in after three years is impossible. There has to be a real and total deliverance from the pressures that you have and if that were to happen then there would be some stamp of God upon your life that would indicate the same to your brethren.

I do pray that you and your family have a good Christmas and that 1992 will be a much more productive and blessed year for you.

May God bless you.

Yours in Him

Andrew

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