



Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

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Thank you for your continued prayer and financial support of this ministry. It is our commitment to operate in a simple and efficient manner to share the gospel with those who are lost and encourage God's children to fulfill His original purpose for creating them.

Many people think they are children of God because they happen to be a part of the human race. It is true, everyone is created by God. But, when it comes to being children of God spiritually, God says in His Word, **Romans 9:8** - *"... those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God"*

You see, there are two families in this world, not the Williams and the Jones, but the family of God and the family of sin and Satan. **1 John 3:10** - *"In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother."*

This reminds us of a man named Nicodemus. We see in his story that the Jews were looking for a king who would help them out from under Roman control and set up a new kingdom in Jerusalem.

Nicodemus came to Jesus at night. He did not want anybody to know that he was curious about Him and His teachings. Jesus taught as One with authority. Nicodemus did not want to join any team unless it was a winning team. But, Jesus knew exactly what Nicodemus was thinking and so He came right out and said, *"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."* **John 3:3**

Why did Nicodemus need to be born again? For the same reason we must be born again, because Jesus said so. You see, the Bible teaches us that we are born separated from God, *"And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins ..."* **Ephesians 2:1**

My friend, for this reason we must reach out to the people around us and share the simple gospel story with them that they might be saved and enter into the family of God.

I pray daily that God will bless all that you put your mind and hands to. I pray that God protects you and your family and gives you a clear purpose for the time remaining for you here on earth.



Chris Hodges
President & CEO

In a day of so much prosperity and entertainment which can distract us from the best things. I pray that you might . . .

***Turn your eyes upon Jesus.
Look full in His wonderful face.
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of His glory and grace.***

In just a little while, we will see Him face to face. Whatever you are doing right now, I encourage you to take a deep breath, rest in Him, and simply begin to be who you already are -- in Christ.

I encourage you to do the unthinkable. Do what God has been telling you to do. Involve yourself with the masses of people who can't help you socially or financially. See to it that they are saved. Protect yourself from busyness that does not somehow point people to Jesus.

Always love and pray for this ministry - ***"Abiding Above Ministries exists for the purpose of sharing the gospel with every person ..."*** This is who we are and this is what we continue to do. There is no waste of time, resources, or energy.

We are continually discipling people across America through the mail with our Bible correspondence courses. These are basic Bible lessons with a systematic approach to theology. We are also involved in discipling individuals on a one-to-one basis. This process is called spiritual multiplication. As we begin the work of discipleship, it is amazing how God will use others in His kingdom work and for His own glory!

To obey Jesus' command to go and make disciples you must begin where you are and make disciples who will in turn make disciples and so on. This is what we are all called to do. This is the work of the Great Commission!

As a Non-Profit Organization, every opportunity of ministry we enter into comes from your generous hand of giving.

Please pray and ask God what He would have you do. I love you, and pray for you each day. We are in this together. May God continue to bless you, my friend, and make you a blessing to many people before He calls you to that place called heaven!

Abiding above,



Chris S. Hodges
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Colossians 3:1-3