



Dear Friend of [Abiding Above](#),

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Thank you so much for your faithfulness to pray for us. God is answering our prayers! Praying gives us the mind and will of God about anything we bring before Him. My friend, bring everything before Him in an attitude of prayer and life will become a romance between you and God.

D. L. Moody, the foremost evangelist of the 1800s, came to a moment in his life where he made a most profound decision. He was at a religious meeting and he heard someone say, "The world has yet to see what God can do with a man who is totally surrendered to Him." This gripped Moody and he said these simple words under his breath, "I'll be that man." The rest is history! He was the Billy Graham of his day. It was unlikely for him to be so. He had a large stomach, high shrill voice, incomplete education, and was not widely known. But, what he did have was the anointing of God upon him and a childlike trust in his heavenly Father.

What has God been whispering to you about? Maybe for years now, you have been intending to do more with your life and what God has entrusted you with. The time is now! Don't wait! The time will come when you won't hear His still small voice if you keep putting Him off. **Simply begin** what He prompts you to do. Oswald Chambers used to say, "Make is a point everyday and all through the day to say 'speak Lord, and life will become a romance between you and God.'" **Simply begin!**

Yes, we all should move forward in what God calls us to do, but we must always do so in an attitude of prayer. The Apostle Paul exhorts us to pray without ceasing. This means to inwardly be talking with the Lord during your waking hours.

Here are 2 quotes on prayer that I love:

Samuel Chadwick: *"The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from our prayerless studies, prayerless work, and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray."*

Martin Luther: *"I have so much to do today that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer."*



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My friend, it is in Christ that we live and move and have our being as we walk in an attitude of prayer, moment by moment, and day by day, setting our minds on those things that are worthy of praise.

Acts 17:28 (NASB95) - *“for in Him we live and move and exist...”*

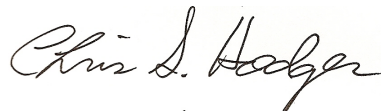
Philippians 4:8(NASB95) – *“Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.”*

Let's pray that God will raise up people to take us back to where we belong. Let's pray for simplicity in home life and church life. Let's get back to simply teaching God's Word to edify the saints. Let's be involved in discipling one-to-one as we lead others to Christ in our daily living. Let's practice again modesty in all that we do. Let's practice hospitality. May the church sanctuaries once again echo those beautiful doctrinal hymns of the faith. Let's spend more time in our community as God's lights. Let's not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor forsake the Great Commission by exhausting ourselves in an overabundance of activity. Let's not be content in being busy.

My friend, are you doing the most with what you have? Have you been asking yourself, *“What more can I do to spread the Gospel? How can I reach outside my comfort zone to the many who are lost?”* Right now, the fastest and most far-reaching way to reach others is through media. I want to encourage you to pray for our media ministry as we continue to grow and seek new media opportunities. My friend, how is God calling you to a greater participation with us? We need to make the most of the time and resources we have to reach the world for Jesus Christ!

As you think about your **year-end giving**, please help us. We need you! Your gifts will be used to share the gospel with every person, encourage spiritual growth in every believer, by the power of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God. You are special! You are loved!

We agape you,



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Colossians 3:1-3