

Dear Friend of Abiding Above,

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Thank you for your prayers and financial support! You are special!

Getting the gospel out as far and wide as possible is the mandate for God's children. We can't all go across the ocean but we can all share Christ in our immediate sphere of influence and help in getting the gospel out through ministries like Abiding Above.

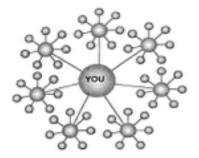
You might "feel" sometimes that you are but one and can't make a difference. Oh, yes you can! Think for a moment how you can make a lasting difference.

You must begin where you are and make disciples who will make disciples who will in turn make disciples and so on. If you were married and had 3 children and they each had 3 children and they each had 3 children, how many great-great-grandchildren would you have?

YOU
3 children
3 x 3 = 9 grandchildren
9 x 3 = 27 great-grandchildren
27 x 3 = 81 great-great-grandchildren
Total 121 descendants to this point

My friend, you can do it! And we can help you get started! Write to us! Look at the diagram below. Get this picture firmly fixed in your heart and mind. Begin to think of your children, grandchildren, and friends and associates. They represent all those smaller circles around you. You must be intentional and go after them!

We can help you with that!





Chris Hodges President & CEO

If you are interested in discipling someone, you can send us a note with the name, age, and address of that individual and we will mail a Bible lesson to that person immediately! You can also encourage someone to go to our website, <u>abidingabove.org</u>, to sign up for a free Bible lesson. This is how you can be a person who is intentional about making disciples. Start with your family and then move toward others in your life who trust you. Jesus is coming, my friend, so the time is now.

## I Wanted To Change The World

"When I was a young man, I wanted to change the world."

I found it was difficult to change the world, so I tried to change my nation.

When I found I couldn't change the nation, I began to focus on my town. I couldn't change the town and as an older man, I tried to change my family.

Now, as an old man, I realize the only thing I can change is myself, and suddenly I realize that if long ago I had changed myself, I could have made an impact on my family. My family and I could have made an impact on our town. Their impact could have changed the nation and I could indeed have changed the world." (Author: Unknown Monk 1100 A.D.)

Please continue to pray for us and support us. We need you. Your prayers and financial support get these Bible lessons out to many and cover the postage as we continue to disciple them through the mail. You also help us encourage people to know who they are and what they have in Christ as they listen to Abiding Above on the radio. We need your help as we continue!

Always remember this, while you are still living on earth:

**Philippians 1:6** – "...He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus."

Abiding above,

Chris S. Hodges

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Colossians 3:1-3