

Dear Friend of Abiding Above,

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D.L. Moody, the foremost evangelist of the 1800's, 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 it a point everyday and all through the day to say, speak Lord, and life will become a romance between you and God." **Simply begin**.

This past month has been busy! God has used me to see many decisions for Christ. I have held 2 one day revivals and 1 four day revival in Arkansas and Tennessee. I saw many decisions for Christ! As a result of these meetings we are seeing completed Bible lessons come to us through the mail as we disciple people one by one. It pleases my heart to know that we are helping them as they start their new life in Christ.

Once again I have had the privilege of leading a **Relationship Conference** in Jackson, TN for the West Halls Baptist Church. The conference was held at the Old English Inn and in the chapel of Englewood Baptist Church. It was wonderful! We had more that 20 couples attend and God blessed our time together.

Upon my return to Memphis, I shared in the chapel service of the Germantown Branch of Union University. God blessed as I shared my personal testimony with the staff and students. Sometimes a personal testimony is the most powerful thing. In the days of old during the great **Welsh Revival** there was more singing and personal testimonies than preaching! God confounds the wise with the simple.

What a night we had at our first **Evening of Inspiration with Abiding Above Ministries**! We heard from Dr. Mark Castellaw as he shared with us, "Lessons I Learned from Dr. Adrian P. Rogers." We enjoyed Dale Shipley as he sang, "The Anchor Holds," and other selections. Dr. Tom Fox did an outstanding job as our emcee and I enjoyed sharing about this ministry and how God put it together and what we have in store for the

future. Many people have called, written, or stopped me and told me they sensed the Holy Spirit during the evening and were blessed and refreshed by all that God is doing with Abiding Above Ministries.

Special thanks must go to Mrs. Carolyn Alsip who planned and implemented the entire evening! Thank you, thank you, thank you, Carolyn!

Many thanks also to the Abiding Above Volunteers. We could not have seen the success we had without your hard work. We love you and thank God for you!

Please be in prayer as I travel to **Moscow, Russia** to minister to pastors and their wives. I will be sharing with them messages on the Spirit-Filled life with a special focus on Spirit-filled living in both relationships and the work of the pastor.

I will be traveling with long time friend Jim Wheeler and our interpreter and friend Fiodor Baraniuk. Jim will be sharing what God is teaching him about Abiding in Prayer. This will be a blessing to us all. Jim is uniquely gifted to teach on the subject of prayer and has the most wonderful illustrations of how God has answered prayers in his life. Someone has said, "Many people believe in the power of prayer, and love to hear of it, but few pray." My friend Jim Wheeler prays.

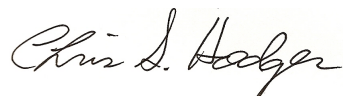
Samuel Chadwick: "The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from our prayerless studies, prayerless work, and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray."

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

My friend, let's live and move and have our being in Him as we walk in an attitude of prayer, moment by moment, and day by day. (**Acts 17:28; Philippians 4:8**).

As you think about **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.

Abiding above,



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Colossians 3:1-3