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Correspondence between Chalk & Evans McMullen

Evans McMullen

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January 6, 1967

Mr. Evans McMullen
Church of Christ
669 South Hill Street
Griffin, Georgia

Dear Evans:

I deeply regret at not having answered the wonderful expression of the congregation there any sooner than now. There isn't any adequate way to express the trying times through which I've been the last three months regarding my schedule. The spring meetings pushed into fall, coupled with the fall meetings already scheduled, and then fund-raising trips with the Herald of Truth during our busiest time, have meant that I have been in Abilene only five weeks since July 1. Most of this time away has been through a straight uninterrupted period which included the period in which your letter and the letter from the church there came.

I do hope you will help to convey to the congregation my total response to such an overwhelming expression. I have never in my 15 years of gospel preaching had such an expression from a congregation of God's people. It says all the more about you, your ministry, and the quality of the church with which you work. Especially significant to me were the words, the thoughts, the Biblical truths expressed in this letter. I am now planning to frame this letter and hang it in my office, along with other cherished moments. Thank you so much for all your encouragement.

I will never be able to adequately express my gratitude for your comments regarding my preaching in Atlanta. Always feel free to offer any such reflections about the work I am attempting to do, and I will feel the same toward you. We are, after all, serving God, not ourselves. This means we must do our very best. So often this means listening to the constructive criticism of others. In fact, it demands that we do such. I send you my deepest love and best wishes.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

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