
John Allen Chalk: Personal Correspondence

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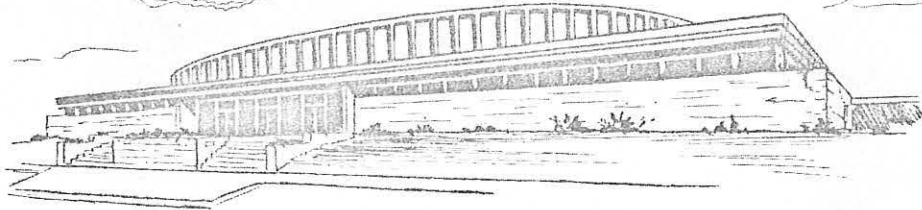
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Mr. Gerald E. Beard
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Dear Gerald:

Your letter reveals a tremendous sensitivity to God's leading. I commend you for your great concern about the gospel and of reaching lost men with it.

Gospel preaching today requires the highest kind of training and the deepest kind of commitment to Jesus Christ (Luke 14: 26-32). I would urge you to "put yourself in God's Hand" as you indicated in your letter so that the proper decision can be made. I do not believe that you can be the best possible servant God can use without good training. This would necessitate your attending a good Christian college and pursuing graduate studies in Bible so as to effectively present the gospel to lost men.

I wish you God's richest blessings as you search for His will for your life.

Your brother,

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Dear brother Chalk:

I must say that I admire you and the great work that you are doing for Christ. I know that you are a very busy man, and I realize that you may not have time to answer this letter, but if you could find the time to reply, I would appreciate it very much.


I am a student at Michigan State University, and will begin my second year there this fall. I have decided that I want to be a preacher, but I don't have the confidence in myself. I feel that if I were a poor preacher, I could do more harm for Christ and His cause on this earth.

I imagine that there are many disappointments in the life of a preacher, and I realize also that the rewards are great. But what if I don't have the makings of a good preacher?

Do you think that I should just put myself in God's hands, and let him provide me with the opportunities that I need, and that he wants me to have?

I will value your opinion highly, and while I await your reply, I will pray ~~that~~ the Lord will guide you in His work, and me in my decision.

In Christian Love


Gerald E. Beard