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July 15, 1970

Mr. Tom Loveless
713 Greenwood Drive
Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42701

Dear Tom:

Thank you for your letter of July 6 and your complimentary remarks passed on by Jerry Hoover and Ron Ingram. I respect both of these men and appreciate so much their commitments to the Lord Jesus.

I know of no one work of the nature you describe that I could recommend. My principal approach to the text is through word studies most of which come out of Kittel's Theological Dictionary of the New Testament. I rely on some of the standard works like Alford's Greek New Testament and Meyer's Commentary on the New Testament. I suppose the one work that I find most helpful is the new International Commentary on the New Testament. There are twelve volumes of it now available. I have found it extremely helpful.

Books on devotional and spiritual life that are good are difficult to find. I believe that you would get a great deal of good, both personally as well as for your ministry, out of Robert Raines' New Life in the Church. I also think you would find a daily devotional by Oswald Chambers, My Utmost for His Highest, extremely valuable. It is the best approach to the spiritual life, and the basic principles involved in the spiritual life, that I have ever read. Otherwise, I know of nothing else that I would recommend at this time.

I hope one or more of these works is helpful to you. I pray God's richest blessings on your ministry there.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk

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A Brief Note From:

TOM B. LOVELESS
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July 6, 1970

John Allen Chalk
Abilene, Texas

Dear John Allen:

I know you are a very busy man, but when you have a minute spare time, I would like the following information.

What one set of books would you recommend to be best for preparing expository preaching? I have the Pulpit Commentary, but would like to purchase one series of books just of an expository type.

Would you recommend two or three top books on building a deeper spiritual life within the individual. I am personally interested in such books and doing more preaching along this line, and also in securing such books for our church library.

Jerry Hoover spoke so highly of your meeting with them and I was with Ron and Donna Ingram last week, and they too think very highly of you and your work and ability.

Thank you for your time and trouble in this matter.

Sincerely,



Tom B. Loveless, Minister
ELIZABETHTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST