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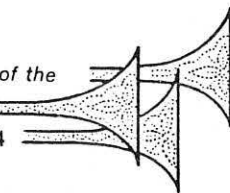
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June 4, 1969

Mr. R. L. Clark
Oklahoma Christian College
Eastern Memorial Road
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Clark:

In Mr. Chalk's absence, who is in Liberia, West Africa preaching in a campaign, I will try to answer your request for some information about his educational and family background. I am enclosing a detailed fact sheet which will answer many of your questions. I am also enclosing an article which I recently wrote about Mr. Chalk which probably won't answer any questions but I hope you will enjoy!

Since Mr. Chalk will begin full-time study this fall on his doctorate, his travels will be curtailed quite a bit, but he normally makes 20 to 30 visits a year speaking to youth rallies and at college-level seminars. Some of this work is done through Campus Evangelism, and some through local efforts.

I don't know if I can tell you just how Mr. Chalk goes about preparing for his sermons but I do know he spends a great deal of time reading -- reading the Bible, studying passages from different versions, and meditating. He loves God's word. His own personal library consists of about 2500 volumes and most of it relates to the Bible. He takes about 20 periodicals monthly, most of them religious. He reads avidly, takes mountains of notes, and uses a very detailed filing system (Memory-O-Matic) that enables him to put his hands on any material he has ever read or copied, on any given subject. He makes a thorough outline from his notes, then writes out a sermon from the outline (as in the case of all the sermons preached on Herald of Truth). I think what most determines his sermon subject is "what is needed?" and the thing that determines his style of preaching is his style of living -- he wants to be "real." From a personal standpoint, after working with him two and one-half years, I believe his "realness" comes from his prayer life. He is more honest in prayer than anyone I have ever known.

I hope some of this information will be beneficial and will be received in time for your specific needs. Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Helen McLeod
Secretary to John Allen Chalk

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Enclosures

May 23, 1969

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Dear Brother Chalk,

I would like some information concerning your family background, educational background, the way in which you develop your sermon ideas and the thing that most influence your style of preaching.

The above information is need as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
R.L. Clark

P.S. Also, the religious programs that you are engaged in other than the Herald of Truth.

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