

June 3, 2016

Dear Rev. and Mrs. Korterling,

Please accept this book as a gift and a token of my appreciation for your willingness to meet with me. The opening lines of the book are compelling:

*“The greatest need of the church today is the recovery of sound biblical preaching that faithfully explains and applies the text, courageously confronts sin, and boldly trumpets forth the sovereign majesty, law, and promises of God. This type of powerful preaching has vanished in many quarters of the evangelical church only to be replaced by that which is anemic and man-centered. (And the author then quotes from Gordon’s book on preaching...) I have come to recognize that many, many individuals today have never been under a steady diet of competent preaching...as starving children in Manila sift through the landfill for food, Christians in many churches today have never experienced genuine, soul-nourishing preaching, and so they just pick away at what is available to them, trying to find a morsel of spiritual sustenance or helpful counsel here or there.”*

I greatly appreciated your encouragement and your wise counsel. I consider myself to be blessed that I can talk to you and bring my thoughts and concerns to you and know that in your love for Jesus Christ, and in Him to His people, that you will do your best to provide me with advice that will ultimately glorify His name.

Dawn and I also are reading, and benefitting from the devotional that you gave me by Tripp. It is providing much needed food for our souls.

I ask that you continue to remember me in your prayers as I go the route we discussed. As you put it so beautifully in the prayer at the end of our meeting, it is not through the power of the one through whom God works (and I can assure you, there is no weaker means) but it is through His sovereign hand only that any good may come from this. “He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength” Isaiah 40:29.

Soli Deo Gloria.

In Christ,

Dewey Engelsma