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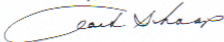
Dear Brother Ouellette:

Recently, I was preaching at a youth spectacular for our mutual friend, Dr. John Jenkins. While I was with him, he told me that your paths had crossed and that you had spent some time together conversing and that I was one of the topics of the conversation. He mentioned you had given him some materials supposedly validating your criticisms of me, of my preaching, and of our ministry here in Hammond. Brother Jenkins was very gracious to me, and I appreciated his telling me that.

Your continued pursuit of me and continued criticism of me is a constant reminder that God expects much more from me than I have been giving him, and God expects me to hold to a very high standard. My words and my actions are brought under a microscope of judgment by friends and foes alike. While I do not enjoy your criticism on a personal or professional level, on a spiritual level I welcome the reminder that God expects much more from me than I could ever give him. Your continued harassment is a welcomed reminder that I serve a very holy God Who demands an extremely high level of commitment.

I pray for you often, and I ask God to bless you as I would want Him to bless me. I do not say that with hypocrisy in my heart; I say it with sincerity and hopefully with a mature understanding that the very best of words and actions can be misunderstood by other likeminded and good men. May God give us the grace to one day sit down and retire our debates with one another. That may not occur until we sit down with our Saviour. But should that be the event, it will be a most welcomed event and a most desirous occasion. May God's richest of blessings be with you, your family, and your ministry.

Gratefully,



Jack Schaap

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