

Inventory of the
Zig Ziglar Papers
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Zig Zigler at Southern Baptist Convention

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Summary

Main Entry: Zig Ziglar Papers

Date Span: 1984-1985

Abstract: Southern Baptist layman and motivational speaker and writer. He served as 1st vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1984-1985. Collection consists primarily of correspondence related to his office of vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Correspondence is related to issues and concerns in American society and the internal workings of the Southern Baptist Convention. Some of the issues mentioned in the correspondence to Ziglar includes: Mormons, the Southern Baptist Convention controversy, theological education, Temp Sparkman (seminary professor), women's ordination, Baylor University and Biblical inerrancy.

Size: .5 linear ft.

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Biographical Sketch.

Zig Ziglar was born Hilary Hinton Ziglar in 1926 in Coffee County, Alabama in 1926. He was dubbed "Zig" in school. One of 12 children, Ziglar graduated from high school in Yazoo City, Mississippi. He attended Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi and the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

Prior to his career in the speaking and training field, he was a successful salesman. After years as a cookware salesman in Mississippi, in 1955, Ziglar began his teaching career as an instructor at the Dale Carnegie Institute in New York City. he became a full-time public speaker in 1970 and was soon one of the most sought-after speakers in the world.

Ziglar has written 10 books, including See you at the Top, his perennial personal growth best seller, with nearly 1.4 million copies in print. Confessions of a Happy Christian, Steps to the top and Dear Family are several of his individual and family oriented books. Besides the books he's written, Ziglar's practical tri-dimensional philosophy has been incorporated into an extensive array of audio, video and printed training tools in additional to seminars and workshops.

Ziglar has been recognized three times in the Congressional Record of the united States for his work with youth in the drug war and for his dedication to American and the free enterprise system. He frequently speaks at youth conventions, church leadership assemblies and educational gatherings.

Ziglar is an active Southern and Texas Baptist. He was elected as the First Vice President of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1984 and served one term in that office.

Scope and Content

Zig Ziglar served one term as 1st Vice President of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1984-1985. The collection consists primarily of his correspondence related to the office of vice-president. The collection is mostly photocopies of the correspondence with some original letters. Some of the correspondence is congratulatory after his election at the 1984 Convention. Other letters are related to issues and concerns in American society and the internal workings of the SBC. This period witnessed a volatile period in SBC life that centered on the moderate-conservative controversy for control of the Convention.

Some of the issues mentioned in correspondence to and from Ziglar includes: Mormons, SBC controversy, SBC seminaries, Temp Sparkman (professor at Midwestern Seminary), women in ministry, women's ordination, Baylor University, and Biblical inerrancy.

The collection is arranged in alphabetical order by correspondent. The collection covers the years, 1984-1985.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in alphabetical order by correspondent.

Provenance

Donated by Zig Ziglar, 1985.

Preferred Citation

Zig Ziglar Papers, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.

Access Restrictions

None

Subject Terms

Ziglar, Zig
Sparkman, G. Temp
Stanley, Charles F.
Ferguson, Milton
Baylor University
Southern Baptist Convention – Officers
Theology – Study and teachings
Church controversies- Baptists – 20th century
Women in church work

Related Materials

Baptist History File, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Zig Ziglar file

Ziglar, Zig. *Confessions of a happy Christian*. Gretna, La.: Pelican Pub. Co., 1978.

Christian Life Commission Resource Files, Zig Ziglar file, AR 132-2.

Folder listing

Box 1

- Folder 1. Correspondence -- A – 1984-85
 - 2. Correspondence -- B – 1984-85
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18. Correspondence -- W – 1984-85
19. Correspondence -- Y - Z – 1984-85
20. Sparkman, Temp (professor at Midwestern Baptist Seminary) –
Theological Concerns
21. Story “Zig Ziglar identifies requirements for success of Bold Mission
Thrust” by Tammi Ledbetter