



A FAITHFUL SERVANT LEADER

As I sat across from Dr. Rogers, I couldn't help but notice the clarity of his skin and his sharp mind. He is incredible! Ernest Eugene Rogers (aka E. E. Rogers), celebrated his one-hundredth birthday on June 17, 2016.

Dr. Rogers is a scholar and retired professor of Biblical Languages at Oakwood University (1945-1979), and recently, I had the privilege of interviewing him on our flagship program, *Urban Report*.

When asked what the secret of his longevity was, he said, "A positive attitude." He feels that when your attitude is positive, and you make God first, He equips you to do all that needs to be done.



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A Life Changed by Scriptures

Dr. Rogers was born in Memphis, Tennessee, to a two-parent household, but his father died tragically in an automobile accident when he was only nine years old. Although he suffered the loss of his father, a godly man soon became his mentor and had E. E. read the Scriptures aloud to him each day. The young boy began to notice that his life was changing, and when he was introduced to the seventh-day Sabbath in his teens, he embraced Adventism wholeheartedly.

Oakwood

One day, when he was about 18, a teacher in his congregation watched him give the mission story in Sabbath School. She was impressed, and said, "Boy, you ought to be at Oakwood!"

"What is Oakwood?" he asked, and the teacher responded, "It's a place we send

our young people to prepare them for the work of the Lord in whatever discipline they might enter. Would you like to go?"

"I'd like to go, but I don't think we have the money," E. E. said, to which the teacher responded, "I didn't ask you that. I'm asking you if you want to go?"

"Well, yes!" the young man answered, and soon the teacher got permission from his mother to send him to Oakwood College. At the time, students paid \$25 a month for tuition, room, and board, but after a few months, E. E. assumed responsibility for his own bills. He not only worked his way through college and graduate school, but also received scholarships along the way. "Adventist education has made me what I am!" he says.

He still loves learning, and says that when he learned Greek, the Bible came alive for him. "Everything opened up, and I saw new vistas I had never seen before. Life became a situation in which I desired to make God first, and best, and last!"

A Companion

God blessed Dr. Rogers with a loving wife, the former Mildred Strachan, for 63 years. They had three children, Jeannette, Eugene, and Sherman, but sadly, 12 years ago, she passed away.

Six years went by, and then, at the ripe age of 94, he married the lovely 91-year-old Annell Wright. Both couples had been friends for years before they were widowed, and Dr. Rogers remembers the day he fell in love with her. He says he even remembers what she wore, adding, "She is the sun to my solar system!"

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Dr. Rogers is a living legend. He's taught a long list of notable evangelists and scholars in our denomination, including Henry Wright, Mervyn Warren, E. C. Ward, C. D. Brooks, Keith Burton, Charles Brooks, C. E. Dudley, Leslie Pollard, Carlton Byrd, C. A. Murray, John Lomacang, John Nixon, Timothy Nixon, Ron Smith, and numerous others.



Dr. Yvonne Lewis is a naturopathic doctor, author, lecturer, and singer, as well as the general manager of 3ABN's Dare to Dream Network for urban audiences.

What a legacy! We thank God for this servant leader, Dr. E. E. Rogers. ☺

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