

A Tribute to Chet Atkins

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I had to post a link to this great story about Chet Atkins.

I love guitars and guitar players - never get tired of listening to what a master can do with this

amazing instrument. So give me an hour of legendary guitar players sitting around RCA Studio B in Nashville, and I'm hooked. But I think *anyone* who loves music will enjoy this.

If you're short on time, here are a few highlights to look for:

43:10. The story from Doyle Dykes about Chet giving him a guitar. All the preaching in the world may not move me, but this simple story from a man of faith restores something in me.

And right after that, at **44:20**, Pat Bergeson tells the story of - the day he arrived in Nashville - Chet driving him to the musicians union and paying his dues, saying, "It's a right-to-work state, but if you're working with me, you gotta be in the union."

45:06. A great message about hard work from John Knowles, "I've heard a lot of people say he had a gift ... but he rolled his sleeves up, too, and he put his work in."

And a lovely line where Knowles says, "There's a handful of artists out there - Fred Astaire dances that way; Chet plays the guitar that way - where you do all your work, and then you step beyond the work you've done into an area of grace and elegance, and Chet absolutely had that."

One of these days, I'm gonna sit next to Chet's statue and take a picture, which I will post here. That's on my bucket list for sure.

Watch the video [here](#).