

The Godly Man as Christ's Representative

Helping Others

Follow-up is parental care for spiritual children – it could even be called spiritual pediatrics. Basically it involves accepting from God the spiritual responsibility of regularly and lovingly helping another Christian grow to maturity. This process becomes “disciplemaking” when the new or non-growing Christian moves beyond spiritual “childhood.”



Follow-Up

1. The book of I Thessalonians is a great revelation and exposition of biblical follow up principles. Read the book carefully, inserting the proper scripture references opposite the stated follow-up principle:

- The objective of follow-up
- Personal example
- Individual care
- Heart involvement
- Practical helps
- Prayer
- Sharing of the life
- Godly teaching

2. Various means of follow-up are available to us today, which were available to the early church. List some of them from the following verses:

- I Corinthians 4:17
- I John 2:1,2
- Philippians 1:3,4
- Acts 15:36

3. Since God is not as interested in how many we are as how much we count, spiritual maturity is a crying need. The Bible gives us examples of deeper relationships than merely follow-up. In these relationships, the imparting of life and encouraging to maximum maturity was taking place. Name the people involved in this type of deeper training, from the following passages:

- II Timothy 2:2
- Acts 20:4
- II Kings 2:6
- Exodus 24:13
- Mark 3:13-15

4. There are certain basic needs which all believers have. These are areas where the enemy generally attacks. Match the scriptures with the needs and then number them in their order of importance as you see it.

Scriptures

Luke 11:1	I Peter 5:8	II Timothy 2:15
I Peter 2:2, 3	Psalms 5:3	Job 22:21, 22
I John 5:11, 12	Psalms 107:2	Colossians 2:6, 7
Ecclesiastes 4:9, 10		Romans 1:16

<i>Priority</i>	<i>Needs</i>	<i>(Scriptures)</i>
(...)	Feeding	
(...)	Protection	
(...)	Fellowship	
(...)	Assurance of salvation	
(...)	Daily Devotional life	
(...)	Ability to share testimony	
(...)	Ability to share the gospel	
(...)	Bible study	
(...)	Scripture Memory	
(...)	Prayer life	
(...)	Growing faith	



Assignment:

Write the name of one or more people you feel God would have you help in their spiritual walk. Get in touch with them some way this week. What you have already learned in this study booklet gives you a great deal to share in the way of follow-up.

Suggestions For Further Study

Tape BSU 56B - Indispensable Principles of Helping Others, Walt Henrichsen
 Tape BSU1 - Born to Reproduce, Dawson Trotman

New Testament Follow-Up by Wayland B. Moore, Eerdmans Publishers
 Encouraging New Christians by Michael Griffiths, Inter-Varsity Press
 Follow-Up by Dawson E. Trotman, The Navigators, Colorado Springs, Colorado
 Disciples Are Made-Not Born, by Walter Henrichsen, Victor Press