

Follow-Up – Questions and Answers

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I. Introduction.

- A. This world needs more people who care.
- B. Follow-up is spiritual pediatrics—helping kids to grow in the grace of Jesus.

II. Why follow up? The need of nature.

III. God uses people. (Proverbs 27:17; Hebrews 10:24-25)

IV. The purpose of follow-up is to be conformed to Jesus. (Romans 8:29; Ephesians 4:13; Colossians 1:6; John 17:26)

V. Growth is demonstrated by trusting God for more today than we were yesterday.

VI. The plan of follow-up.

- A. Provide conditions for a healthy spiritual birth, digestible food for the spiritual infant and protection from spiritual disease.
- B. Training, correction, encouragement, challenge, instruction and example all contribute to the goal.
- C. A person needs knowledge, skills and character. Think about what you want a person to know/be able to do/behave like, how you are going to teach him and how you are going to know when he has got it.

VII. Follow-up tools.

- A. Vision. A person needs to develop vision in order to go somewhere.
- B. Prayer. There are no limits to prayer. (John 15)
- C. Application of the Scriptures or obedience. (John 14:21)
- D. Witness. (John 15:16)
- E. Friendship or fellowship with God and with people. (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)
- F. A leader.
 - 1. A true leader's heart burns within for follow-up. (Acts 6:3; 1 Thessalonians 2:7-3:12; 2 Corinthians 13:7-9)
 - 2. A true leader has the right mindset. (Nehemiah 6)
 - 3. A true leader is a team player.

4. A true leader pays the price.

5. A true leader avoids detours such as pride and discouragement. (Luke 19:10; Isaiah 42:8; Titus 3:8)

VIII. Follow-up is not a one way street. You never give more than you get.

IX. Question and Answer.

Application questions:

1. What is follow-up and why is it important?

2. What skills, knowledge and character traits would you want a new believer to develop?

3. How would you go about instilling those skills, that knowledge and those character traits in a new believer? Explain.
