

How to do Biblical Follow-Up

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I. Introduction.

- A. A large part of Crawford's life change came from people who invested in him through Scripture memory.
- B. Follow up is conserving the fruit of evangelism. (Proverbs 11:30)
- C. What glorifies God is a changed life. (Isaiah 61:3)

II. Follow up is providing spiritual care for spiritual babes.

- A. This is believer's responsibility. (Galatians 4:19, 1 Corinthians 4:15)
- B. We follow up because it glorifies God. (1 Thessalonians 2:11-12)
 - 1. Parents are glorified when a child acts becomingly. (1 Corinthians 4:16)
 - 2. We are called to glorify God in our bodies. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Romans 6:13, Matthew 5:16, 3 John 4, 2 Corinthians 5:14)
- C. An individual person is responsible for doing follow-up. (2 Corinthians 5:18-21, John 1:41, Philippians 1:6-7, 2:12)
- D. What happens to converts is what we cause to happen to converts. (2 Peter 3:18, Ephesians 4:18)
 - 1. Sometimes one can be a Christian for a long time without having grown up spiritually. (Hebrews 5:12)
 - 2. You teach a young Christian by speaking to him. (1 Corinthians 3)
 - 3. A man is tremendously important because a convert does not sin in the light but the dark—the convert must be taught to put God's Word into practice.
 - 4. God wants a child following Him. (Ephesians 2:8-10, Titus 3:5)
- E. Follow up by seeing the convert and seeing how they do. (Acts 15:36, Psalm 119:130)
 - 1. Get people into the Word of God.
 - 2. This will cause them to change.
 - 3. Get them to think about the Word, read it, study it, and memorize key verses in it. Use a Bible reading program to help.
 - 4. Start out by doing the work with them.

5. A person loves darkness and will do what he wants to do—he must become a learner and his desires must be changed. (John 3)
6. You set an environment for follow up as well as various skills. (Proverbs 13)
7. Try to engage the man in fellowship and Scripture memory check up.
8. Pacesetting is being an example of what you want to model. (1 Timothy 1:16)

Application questions

1. Why follow up?

2. What ways can you incorporate the Word in follow up?

3. What young convert might you invest in to make an impact for eternity? What steps can you take to make this happen?
