

Follow Up *John Crawford*

I. Introduction.

- A. The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life. (Proverbs 11:30, Isaiah 61:3)
- B. The fruit of the righteous is a person who wins souls (Daniel 12:3).
- C. Follow up is providing parental care for spiritual babies.
- D. A baby needs to be fed, protected and trained.

II. It is the church's fault if a spiritual baby is not taken care of. God commits new believers to us. (Galatians 4:19, 1 Corinthians 4:15)

III. Follow up so that you will walk worthy of God. (1 Thessalonians 2:11-12)

- A. People who are growing.
- B. A few people walking worthy of God will make a greater impact than a lot of people walking only in part.
- C. We follow up because God wants us to glorify Him. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Matthew 5:16, 3 John 4)
- D. John said his greatest joy was to see his children walk in truth. (Ephesians 2:7)
- E. We do not serve for our own sake - it is about Jesus. (2 Corinthians 5:14, Malachi 3:16, Deuteronomy 11:18-19, Deuteronomy 6)
- F. We are to pray for the one being followed up at all times.
- G. God always uses a man. (2 Corinthians 5:19-20)
- H. In all things we are to glorify the Lord.
- I. We can all succeed because we all have a definite place in the Body where we can accomplish something. (1 Corinthians 9:2, Galatians 4:19)
- J. We need to have the kind of compassion that causes us to pray for people. (Philippians 1:6-7)
- K. We seek not only initial salvation but good works. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, 2 Peter 3:18, Ephesians 4:15, 2:8-10, Titus 3:5-8)

IV. How we follow up.

- A. Paul went to see how the believers were doing. (Acts 15:36)

B. Paul was looking for a person that had the seed of reproduction in himself. (Genesis 1:28)

Application questions

1. Why is follow up so important, and why is it necessary that we get involved?

2. How does follow up look?

3. Memorize 2 Corinthians 5:14 and write it below. How does this verse encourage you to engage more in follow up?
