

Follow Up *John Crawford*

I. Introduction.

- A. Follow up is conserving the fruit of evangelism.
- B. God's basic plan is for every Christian to grow up and mature. (Proverbs 11:30)
- C. Trees that bear fruit produce other trees. (Genesis 11)
- D. The seed of reproduction is in every Christian.

II. Young Christians need to be taught and need someone to care for them. (Galatians 4:19, 1 Corinthians 4:15)

- A. We should share the Lord every day. (Psalm 96:2)
- B. We seek to glorify God in all that we do and our joy is when Christians we invest in grow up. (1 Thessalonians 2:12, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, 3 John 4, Ephesians 2:7)
- C. What happens to converts is what we cause to happen—follow up has to be done by someone who takes initiative. (Jeremiah 6:14, 2 Corinthians 5:18, 2 Peter 3:18, Ephesians 4:15)

III. God wants to follow up because He has work to do. (Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:5, 3:8)

- A. Good works verses often follow salvation verses.
- B. God wants more than a name on a list—He wants maturity. (Colossians 1:27-28)
- C. Effects obey their causes by irresistible laws.
- D. We have to create the atmosphere that allows the Spirit of God to work in the hearts of people.
- E. Our life is a life of service. (Mark 10:45)

IV. How we follow up. (Acts 15:16)

- A. We go to the people and see how they do.
- B. Paul encouraged and commended people in the Word of God.

V. Who to follow up?

- A. Follow up your own spiritual children.
- B. If you do not have any spiritual children then get some. (John 15:16)

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 Mark 10:45 and write it below. How does this verse encourage you to engage more in follow up?
