MAKING FOLLOW-UPS



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- “Before evangelism can ever be a program, it must be first a passion…if we are to witness for Christ successfully, we must honestly care for people” (Sweeting, *How to Witness Successfully,* p. 83).



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- In dealing with the new children of God whom we are privileged to welcome into the spiritual family we must be keenly aware of our privileges and responsibilities.
- Only if we stay close to the new child of God can we enjoy the privileges and moments of rejoicing when new victories are gained and new insights realised.
- With love and patience we must help them to understand the will of God and to know his truth and to surrender to His will so that their lives will reflect genuine Christian experience.

- All this means diligent follow-up.
- Follow-up involves leading them into a deeper knowledge of their Lord and Saviour and also teaching them to observe all things that He has commanded us.
- We can be certain that Satan will not desert the battlefield after the prospect has made a profession.
- He will be there to bring discouragement if at all possible.

- So, we must have a definite plan in mind for the nurture and edification of every new child of God whom we help to bring into the spiritual family.

FIVE STEPS TO FOLLOW-UP

1. 1. Invite to regular service meetings.

- this should not be a matter of pressure but just a kindly desire to invite them into our fellowship, where they may rejoice in the blessings they have found.
- If at this point, they feel that they want to remain a member of their former church, this should not affect our attitude or our work for them in the slightest.

- They will discover soon enough that their new experience is incompatible with their former fellowship, and it will be a natural change into God's remnant church as the truth unfolds in their life.

2. Get them reading a devotional book for growth - the new believer in God should be visited again not more than three or four days after he accepts the Gospel truth.

- It is well to mention during the closing moments of our first visit that we will be back in a few days to leave something more to read and to pray with him.
- Going through a devotional book for spiritual growth will lay a foundation for a series of doctrinal studies on the teaching of the kingdom of God.

DOCTRINAL STUDIES…

3. Doctrinal Studies - after the new believer has learned to know God better, then he is prepared to take up the teachings of the kingdom of God.

4. Where there is no active labour for others, love wanes and faith grows dim – the member must be educated to become labourers together with God.

- The ideal follow-up plan includes the plan for the individual who led this person to the Lord to begin taking him with on soul-winning visits.

- Personal activity in seeking the salvation of others must be the education given to all newly come to the faith.

5. Assign sponsors - assign each new member to a sponsor whose work it is to integrate him into the fellowship of the church, into various activities and to acquaint him with other members of the church.

STEPS OF SOUL-WINNING IN THE CONTEXT OF FOLLOW-UPS

1. Exposing man's total lack of righteousness before God [Romans 1:15-3:20].

- How many steps does it take to lead a person to Christ?
- That is not an easy question, for there is so much that enters the receptiveness of the counselee which may hinder him from grasping the details of the gospel.

- The primary soul-winner, the Holy Spirit, already may have prepared him and enabled him to grasp and respond to the gospel readily. John 15:26-27.
- Mankind's opportunity to know of God through natural revelation rejected – Romans 1.
- Paul begins his explanation of this theme by pointing to the fact that man for the most part has rejected natural revelation instead of responding.

- Natural revelation can lead us to God and, as in my case, to a desperate appeal: “Lord, save me!” But that cry, based only upon the impact of natural revelation, cannot by itself save one.

2. God’s remarkable provision of His own righteousness to the unrighteous - was to show the lost that God has indeed moved to meet the sinner’s desperate need.

- God has made it possible for the sinner's debt to be paid and for His own righteousness to be placed on the accounts of the sinner.

3. Man's utter inability to participate in the saving of himself by works.

- The soul-winner who is making the horrible mistake of complicating the simplicity of the gospel and its provision of free salvation needs to reread Galatians 1:6–12 more carefully with personal application to himself.

4. God's work of salvation:

- In bearing the penalty for our sins - In this fourth step of the great Biblical soul-winner, Paul, explains how the work of the promised Messiah provides grace and peace for the one who believes.
- That work alone satisfies the wrath of God against those who stand condemned with Adam, the fountain head of the race.

5. The Divine transaction of transferring our sins to God and His righteousness to us

- The fifth step of the soul-winner is almost entirely neglected in the presentation of the gospel by evangelists today.
- It explains precisely how God has transferred the believer's sins to Himself, when he believes in order that He might pay fully for them through the plan of redemption.

- It also explains precisely how the Savior's righteousness is transferred to the one who believes at that very same moment.
- He makes it clear that it is through this means that He gives the believer a righteous standing before a holy God.

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