

CHAPTER FOUR

FOLLOW-UP

Helping new believers get a good start in their Christian lives and grow toward spiritual maturity is the responsibility of all Christians. There is always someone who needs your help.

WHAT IS FOLLOW-UP?

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:7-12.
 - a. How did Paul describe his ministry in teaching the Thessalonians to live the Christian life? *Verses 7-8*
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- b. What was Paul's relationship with them? *Verse 11*
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d. What was Paul's goal for his spiritual children? *Verse 12*

Follow-up is spiritual pediatrics—giving continuous help to a young believer to stimulate healthy growth toward Christian maturity and usefulness.

WHY FOLLOW-UP?

2. Jesus Christ gave his followers the Great Commission to reach the world with his gospel. What did he command them to do as part of that commission? *Matthew 28:20*

3. Why was Paul concerned about following up with those he had reached? *1 Thessalonians 3:5*

4. Read 1 Corinthians 4:15. Why do you think Paul felt personally responsible for the Corinthians?

THE WORTH OF EACH INDIVIDUAL

Every person's value and dignity are the result of his unique creation. Man alone was made in the image and likeness of God. In all the universe he alone has the distinct privilege of reflecting godliness.

14. Paul used various methods in following up with new Christians. Which methods do the following verses describe?

- Acts 15:36* _____
- 1 Corinthians 4:14* _____
- 1 Corinthians 4:17* _____
- 2 Timothy 1:3* _____

How can you help someone you know by using one of these methods?

You will want to help a new Christian in these areas:

- Assurance of salvation
- Regular quiet times
- Scripture memory
- Bible study
- Fellowship
- Testimony

**BEING AN
EXAMPLE**

15. What could Paul say about his example to the Philippian church? *Philippians 4:9*

16. Read 1 Timothy 4:12. In what areas should you be an example to others?

17. Why is setting a good example important?
Matthew 23:3

18. Can you say with Paul, “Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ” (1 Corinthians 11:1)? In what way should some aspect of your life be changed so that you maintain a good example?

19. Think of one person whom you have had the privilege of leading to Christ. Remember to pray for him, and consider what more you can do to stimulate his growth. Should you visit, telephone, or write him? Would Book One of the DESIGN FOR DISCIPLESHIP series or the *Beginning with Christ* packet help him? Should you take him with you to witness or to call on another young Christian? Summarize how you can help him and what you intend to do.
