

Days Old Testament New Testament

Monday 1 Kings 5 – 8 John 7

Tuesday 1 Kings 9 – 12 John 8

Wednesday 1 Kings 13 – 16 John 9

Thursday 1 Kings 17 – 20 John 10

Friday 1 Kings 21 – 22 John 12

Saturday 2 Kings 1 – 4 John 13

Sunday 2 Kings 5 – 8 John 14

LESSON TWELVE FOLLOW-UP

Text: John 15:16

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

INTRODUCTION

Sharing Christ or Soul Winning is the planting of a good seed on a good soil. It is just the first stage of a good work, however; if a good care is not taken the good seed will only germinate but will not do well and will not bear fruit.

Follow-up is the period of good care taking to bring the plant to maturity. It is very important and essential for the growth and maturity of every new believer in the faith. Without follow-up the possibility of many new believers falling off from the faith is very clear.

Jesus Christ said in John 15:16 “Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name He may give it you.”

It is only through a very good follow-up program that our fruit can remain, for this reason our

Topic: for this lesson is; FOLLOW-UP

MEMORY VERSE

And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do
Acts 15:36

1. WHAT IS FOLLOW-UP?

Follow-up is the process (spiritual work) by which a new believer is aided to grow in the faith.

2. WHY SHOULD WE FOLLOW-UP?

Follow-up is the second stage of Soul Winning and it is very vital to the grounding of the new

believer in the faith (Matt. 28:18-20)

- a. To clearly define the truth to the new believer:- Rom. 5:6-8, 6:23.
- b. To see the stand of the new believer:- Acts 14:21-22, 3John 3-4.
- c. To promote relationship and fellowship:- 1Thes. 2:8.
- d. To encourage the new believer:- Phil. 2:12-13
- e. To break the yoke of doubt and the deceit of the devil:- Matt. 13:7, 22.
- f. A good follow-up program crowns the good work started.

3. THE IMPORTANCE OF FOLLOW-UP

There are three (3) kinds of converts

- i. One who had a personal encounter with LORD. (Apostle Paul):- Acts 9:1-9.
- ii. One convicted by The WORD as it was being preached. (Simon the Sorcerer):- Acts 8:9-20.
- iii. One persuaded to respond to an alter call, or to say the sinner's prayer.
 - a. To help the new believer receive assurance of salvation and acceptance with God:- John 1:12-13, Heb. 10:16-18, Jer. 31:34.
 - b. To help the new believer develop a consistent devotional life, (Personal Bible Study and Prayer):- Acts 17:11, John 5:39, Luke 18:1, 1Thes. 5:17.
 - c. To help the new believer understand the basics of abundant Christian living:- John 10:10, Luke 10:17-20.
 - d. To help the new believer become integrated into the life of a local Church:- Acts 2:46.
 - e. To help the new believer learn to share his faith with others:- Mark 5:18-20.

4. WHAT SHOULD WE DO WHEN FOLLOWING-UP?

- a. Be prepared to answer questions with scriptural references:- Matt. 4:1-11.
- b. Do not force yourself to answer every question, especially when you are not sure of the answer.
- c. Explain what it means to be Born Again.
- d. Encourage the new believer to join a Church.
- e. Encourage to have a personal devotion time.
- f. Must read the Bible and pray regularly.
- g. Must reframe from former wrong way of living.
- h. Must have friends who can help him or her grow in the faith.
- i. Emphasis the importance of fellowship with the brethren in all Church programs; e.g. Bible Studies, Prayer Meetings, and Sunday Services:- Heb. 10:25.
- j. Remember to pray before you depart.

5. THE RESULTS OF FOLLOW-UP

- a. Many will come to the knowledge of the Truth.
- b. The new believer will understand the decision he or she has taken.
- c. The new believer will be established in the faith.
- d. The new believer will also be able to reach out.
- e. The new believer will know what to do if he also wins a Soul.
- f. The new believer will be able to stand on his own as a Christian.

CONCLUSION

Just as parents will do all they can to make sure their children grow in good health, wisdom, having the best education among other things, so also is expected of all believers who are committed to Soul Winning. It is only a good Follow-up that will bring to light our good work. To this I say relent not in your effort, keep on winning Souls and keep on also following them up, for our Heavenly Father will surely reward you accordingly. Amen

BIBLE READING PLAN

Scripture Reading For The Week

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Monday 2 Kings 9 – 12 John 15

Tuesday 2 Kings 13 – 15 John 16

Wednesday 2 Kings 16 – 19 John 17
Thursday 2 Kings 20 – 23 John 18
Friday 2 Kings 24 – 25 John 19
Saturday 1 Chro. 1 – 5 John 20
Sunday 1 Chro. 6 – 9 John 21

LESSON THIRTEEN FASTING AND PRAYING

Text: 2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

INTRODUCTION

Many Christians do not fast and pray because they do not know the importance of Fasting and Praying in their Christian life. Some fast and sometimes not with prayer, while others fast when they are only in trouble or when they have pressing needs. Some of such people stops midway when they fell tired. Some even wonder whether it is necessary for a Christian to fast and pray if God knows all our needs. Fasting and Praying is a covenanted time between the Believer and His God.

In this lesson we want to look at certain basic reasons why every Christian should fast and pray on the

Topic: FASTING AND PRAYING.

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1. WHAT IS FASTING AND PRAYING?

- a. WHAT FASTING IS NOT: Isaiah 58:3-5
 - i. It is not fulfilling a religious rite.
 - ii. It is not just abstinence from food.