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Digging Deep

TOPIC- THE ABIDING FRUIT

TEXTS. Jn. 15:16, Gal. 4:19

INTRODUCTION.

We are still looking at fruits here in the context of souls won through our soul-winning activities. You cannot go on to having much fruits if you don't work at making sure that the souls abide as you win them. They cannot stand on their own at birth. This was the reason why Apostle Paul said he kept travelling for his new converts until they grow into Christlikeness.

BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF FOLLOW-UP.

1. Paul, when he was converted. **Acts 9:10-18**
2. New Christians at Antioch. **Acts 13:38-44**
3. New Christians at Lystra, Iconium and Antioch. **Acts 14:21-23**
4. Timothy. **Acts 16:1-5**

THE RIGHT MOTIVES FOR PRESERVING YOUR FRUITS

1. The value of each soul. **Matt. 16:26**
2. The need for love. Every parent love to see their children grow healthy in all ramifications. **1 Cor. 16:14, Jn. 15:12, Mk. 12:31**
3. The need for nourishment. **Jn 21:15-17, 1 Pet. 2:2**
4. The need for protection. **1 Pet. 5:8, 2 Cor. 11:14,15, 1 Thess. 3:5**
5. The need for Maturity of the converts – till they become righteous workers in the ministry. **Phil 2:15,16, Eph. 4:12-14, 1 Thess. 2:12**
6. Uniting them with the main body of Christ. **Eph. 4:12**
7. Healthy growth of the Church. **Lk. 14:23, Eph. 4:12**
8. Eventually reaching others through them. **Eph. 4:12, 2 Tim. 2:22**

HOW TO MAKE YOUR FRUITS ABIDE

1. Take responsibility for their growth. **1 Cor. 4:15,16**
2. Personal contact. **Mk. 3:14, Phi. 1:23,24, Pro. 18:24**
3. Modelling the way for them. **1 Cor. 11:1, 1 Thess. 2:6,7, Phi.4:9**
4. Share things from your personal life as well as the scriptures. **1 Thess. 2:6,7, Ps. 119: 98, Matt. 6:7**
5. Putting them in the care of other believers. (Follow up team, ministers, workers, house fellowship etc.) **Phil. 2:19-24**
6. Personal prayer and intercession for them consistently. **1 Thess. 5:18, Phi. 1:7&8**

CONCLUSION

There is a need for self-examination and repentance for souls we have allowed to slip back into ungodliness due to lack of proper follow-up. We must henceforth travail like Apostle Paul not only until all those around us are reached for Christ but until Christ is formed in them.