

No. 21      **Helping Others to Become Loyal to Jehovah (Symposium)**  
              **-Inactive Ones**

[PLEASE NOTE: This talk includes an interview. Follow instructions in assignment letter]

**THEY ARE RELATED TO US IN THE FAITH (1 min.)**

We are especially interested in helping inactive ones because they are our spiritual brothers and sisters [Read Galatians 6:10]

Unlike unbelievers, inactive ones started running in the race for life but may have stopped because of anxieties, hurt feelings, or a sense of guilt (Heb 12:1)

We should reflect Jehovah's interest in helping them (Eze 34:16a)

The organization made a concerted effort to visit inactive publishers during the recent Memorial season, and our interest in helping them to return is ongoing

**HELP THEM RETURN "TO THE SHEPHERD" (5 min.)**

Inactive ones can return to Jehovah [Read 1 Peter 2:25]

Jehovah sent prophets and finally his Son to help the nation of Israel to return (*it-2* 565 ¶3)

Jehovah can use us to help inactive ones return to him

A brief telephone call or a visit will remind them that they have not been forgotten by their spiritual family (*km* 2/07 8)

When inactive publishers attend a congregation meeting, we should welcome them warmly

Avoid asking questions or making statements that may embarrass them

When we meet inactive ones, we should promptly let the elders know

Elders take the lead in 'going after the lost one' (Lu 15:4-7)

They arrange to visit inactive ones at least once a year

Lost sheep are to be carried back gently by the elders (Lu 15:5)

Elders understand that sheep separated from the congregation are likely to be exhausted from mistreatment in Satan's world and from lack of spiritual nutrition

Elders should ensure that all inactive ones receive a copy of the brochure *Return to Jehovah*

Information in the brochure can be used as the basis for shepherding visits

**INTERVIEW (2 min.)**

[Interview a formerly inactive publisher who was moved to resume his or her activity—if possible because of the *Return to Jehovah* brochure. Ask: How were you assisted to become active again? If applicable, ask: How did the *Return to Jehovah* brochure affect you?]

**CONTINUE TO VALUE WHAT WAS LOST (1 min.)**

We continue to exert ourselves to visit our neighbors even if they have not been interested in our message in the past

We understand that tragedies, family problems, or worsening world conditions may affect their outlook and make them receptive to help

How much more we should keep up our efforts to help inactive ones!

When someone responds to our diligent efforts, it results in great "joy in heaven" (Lu 15:7)

Brother \_\_\_\_\_ will now discuss how we can help relatives to become Jehovah's loyal servants

TO BE COVERED IN 9 MINUTES