No. 22   Helping Others to Become Loyal to Jehovah (Symposium)
—Relatives

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

WE ARE IN THE BEST POSITION TO HELP (1 min.)
Millions of people are related to Jehovah's Witnesses
  Such ones may be more willing to hear our message from a relative
   than from a stranger
  Peter's brother Andrew was the first to tell him about Jesus
   (Joh 1:40-42)
  A family in Caesarea were willing to hear about Jesus when their
   relative Cornelius invited them to gather at his home (Ac 10:24,
   30-33)

HOW TO HELP (4 min.)
Take the initiative to give a witness to family members (*cf* 95 ¶16)
Strive to make your discussions refreshing, "as gentle rains upon
 grass" [Read Deuteronomy 32:2]
  Rather than drown your family members with words, witness to them in
   measured amounts (Pr 15:23, 28; *km* 12/04 8)
  Show respect for their right to their own beliefs by listening and
   not interrupting when they express their viewpoint (1Pe 3:15)
    If they disagree with you, do not become provoked or take offense
     (2Ti 2:24)
  Be patient [Read James 5:7]
    Spiritual growth occurs gradually and in stages (Mr 4:28; *w12* 2/15
     28 ¶9; *km* 6/11 1)
    Do not give up if your relatives are initially unresponsive (*w90*
     2/15 25 ¶5)
      Even those who are strongly opposed can change (1Ti 1:12, 13)

INTERVIEW (2 min.)
[Interview someone who was helped to take an interest in the truth
 by his Witness relative. Ask: What was your opinion of Jehovah's
 Witnesses? What did your Witness relative do or say that caused you to
 take an interest in learning about his or her beliefs?]

SHOW SPECIAL INTEREST IN OTHERS (1 min.)
Unbelieving mates, former Bible students, inactive ones, and family
 members are people known to us and we are known to them
Our diligent efforts to help them to become worshippers of Jehovah
 will demonstrate our love for them and our loyalty to God (1Jo 4:7)

TO BE COVERED IN 8 MINUTES