

## Successful Visitation

When we go to visit someone, there's always a reason. Maybe we've been invited or those we're visiting need our help. Perhaps a visit is just to give someone a little company for a while. Whatever the case may be, Christian folks should visit others, especially the sick and needy (James 1:27; Matthew 25:35-43). Whether you're just beginning to practice visiting on a regular basis or you're a seasoned visitor, there are certain things that can help your visits be more productive and produce spiritual fruit. Here are a few suggestions:

- Always be warm & friendly
- Be considerate, call & let them know you want to visit
- Stay focused on the reason for the visit
- Don't wear out your welcome
- If visiting the sick, be uplifting
- If you're there for bible study, keep small talk brief
- Never, never join in gossip
- Don't share your medical history (unless asked to)
- Talk about the God, Jesus and the church
- Read the bible together
- Read passages that bring comfort & support
- Pray together
- Remember, visiting is a Christian privilege

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