

# Sample Follow-Up Letter

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Dear Brother and Sister \_\_\_\_\_:

Greetings in our Savior's precious name. We are thankful to have you as a part of our congregation. When you were engaged, you had an opportunity to meet with an elder to receive counsel on a variety of topics. Since then, the Lord has given you a chance to put those things in place and establish a godly home.

The first year of marriage offers many new experiences. I hope that your first year of marriage has brought you much joy and blessing, and I want to encourage you to keep growing in your love for the Lord and each other. I also want to offer my support if you have questions or concerns about anything in your relationship.

Below is a list of topics that I would encourage you to review individually and as a couple. Attached is a list of questions that may be helpful in starting to address these topics. If you see that there are areas where you need some assistance, please contact me so that we can discuss them.

- Spirituality as a couple, devotions, and spiritual leadership
- Expressing affection and emotional support
- Relationship with in-laws
- Sexual relationship
- Communication
- Conflict resolution and working through differences
- Dealing with and understanding personality and/or gender differences
- Issues related to children
- Church support, activities, and relationships in the church
- Finances
- Personal struggles that either one of you are facing

I want to encourage you to not be discouraged if you need to address issues in any of these areas. My goal in writing to you is not to find fault or embarrass you, but to help strengthen your marriage and your relationship with the Lord. I also want to assure you of my willingness to be of assistance wherever I can.

Again I want to thank you for your support of our congregation and pray for God's blessing on your marriage.

In Christ's Name,

[ Elder ]

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