



Do's and Don'ts of Campus Ministry

DO:

1. Let your students know when you're visiting. For instance, tell your students in your youth service that you'll be on campus Tuesday for lunch, and ask them to bring their friends to meet you.
2. Meet their friends and remember names. This is extremely important. Make a list if you have to. Students are impressed when you remember their names.
3. Work at developing friendship and trust among the students.
4. Attend events that students are involved in, such as choir concerts, plays, and sporting events.
5. Visit students on campus often — at least once a week if possible.
6. Listen closely to what students say. They will reveal their hearts to you. You learn much more about the student by listening.

DON'T:

1. Embarrass the students.
2. Forget their names.
3. Talk about yourself and your church all the time.
4. Talk down other churches, faiths, or denominations.
5. Try to be one of them. Students need adults who care and are interested in them.
6. Just hang around with a few select students. Try to meet as many as possible. It's also a great example to your Christian students who are watching.

WHEN VISITING THE CAMPUS:

1. Always pray before you go. Pray that God will lead you give you favor. Pray that people will somehow see who He is through your life (Deutereonomy 3:8).
2. Check in at the office. Don't ever assume that you've got enough time and seniority that you don't have to do this. It causes administrators to know that you are submissive to the rules and you are not making your own.
3. Go with a purpose. Your purpose can simply be to build relationships. Whatever the case, with purpose you are more likely to accomplish something significant.