

Christian Mentors

WHAT IS A MENTOR?

Definition

- "a relationship in which a more experienced or more knowledgeable person helps to guide a less experienced or less knowledgeable person." (Wikipedia)

Mentoring in the Workplace

- over 71% of Fortune 500 companies
- shares knowledge & advice
- employees feel less isolated
- listens to concerns
- smaller turnover
- greater loyalty to company

Mentoring in the Bible

- sometimes one on one
- sometimes in a group setting
- examples:
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- **Study Bible examples & ask questions:**
 - How does God prepare mentors?
 - Does mentoring require perfection?
 - What are the risk & rewards?
 - How is mentoring a two-way street?
- **Listen to message 12/29/16** – "The Need for Christian Mentors" by Brother David Stegmeier: GodsAcres.org (Audio & Video - Audio Archives - 2016)

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?

- share life experiences
- pray with and for
- share problems, burdens, ideas
- accountability
- developing leaders
- transfer of knowledge
- building relationships

WHO NEEDS TO BE MENTORED?

WHO SHOULD BE A MENTOR?

WHAT DOES MENTORING LOOK LIKE?

- **Types of mentoring**
 - one-time event
 - long term
 - passive mentoring
- **Purpose**
 - not becoming one's parent
 - more than just a friendship
 - more than just hanging out
- **Qualities**
 - good listener
 - trustworthy
 - willing to speak the truth
 - "walk the walk"
 - model Christ-like behavior
- **Ideas**
 - share life stories
 - ask questions
 - accountability
 - do not give up

HOW TO BEGIN

- develop your spiritual foundation
- pray & look for opportunities to mentor
- pray for God to place mentors in your life

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Youth Bible Study

Be . . .

- prayerful
- real
- genuinely interested
- a good listener
- listening for God's direction
- open to sharing
- trustworthy

If your mentors only tell you that you are awesome, it's time to find other mentors.

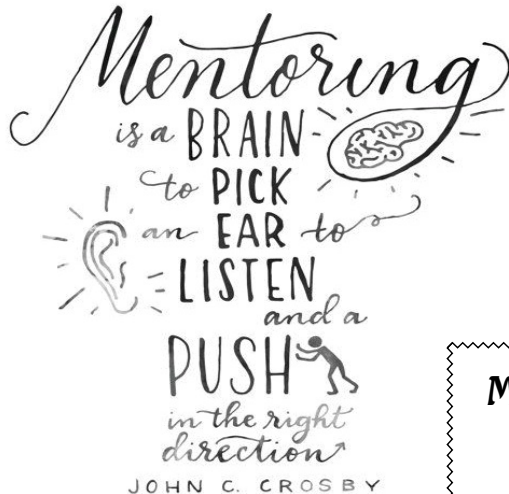
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"The Bible knows nothing of solitary religion — watch over one another in love."
John Wesley

Stabilizing a Young Tree

Consider for a moment a young tree. It easily bends and sways, thrashing about in a storm. In contrast, an old oak stands strong amidst the changing seasons. One method to secure and stabilize a young tree is to tether it to an older, more mature tree. In a similar way, the mentoring relationship is one where a younger believer is tethered to a more mature believer for a season so that she might grow firm in her faith and be equipped for ministry.

(Mentoring: A Call to Spiritual Growth by Melissa Kruger)



"I became a mentor because I wanted to give. The thing I didn't realize is how much I'd get."

Mentoring is not about a carefully outlined curriculum. It's about life-on-life relationships.

Most people do not listen with the intent to understand. They listen with the intent to reply.

"You don't have to have all the answers, you just have to be willing to share what you know."

"People want to grow up in Christ, but they don't know how. Mentoring is simply pointing them in the right direction and walking with them on the journey."

(Good Mentoring by Mark Engelthaler)

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