

Christian Mentoring

Titus 2:1-8

- I.** ...³In the same way, older women are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not slaves to excessive drinking. They are to teach what is good, ⁴so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands and to love their children, ⁵to be self-controlled, pure, workers at home, kind, and in submission to their husbands, so that God's word will not be slandered... Titus 2:3-5
- a. "The biggest problem with young people today is that there aren't enough people from the generations ahead of them pouring into them and investing in their lives." Chris Freeman
 - b. The Biblical Mandate to "pour into our children."
 - 1. ⁶Start a youth out on his way; even when he grows old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6
 - 2. ⁴Fathers, don't stir up anger in your children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Ephesian 6:4
 - 3. How do you pour into those you mentor?
 - c. Biblical examples of Mentor and Mentee
 - 1. Ruth and Naomi: ¹⁶But Ruth replied: Don't plead with me to abandon you or to return and not follow you. For wherever you go, I will go, and wherever you live, I will live; your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. ¹⁷Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord punish me, and do so severely, if anything but death separates you and me. Ruth 1:16-17

2. Why do YOU think Ruth made such a declaration.
3. Barnabas and Paul: ²⁶ When he arrived in Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, since they did not believe he was a disciple. ²⁷ Barnabas, however, took him and brought him to the apostles and explained to them how Saul had seen the Lord on the road and that the Lord had talked to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus. Acts 9:26-27
4. Sometimes a simple act of kindness will begin a lasting relationship.

II. Selecting Mentees and Mentors

- a. "Mentoring is a relational experience in which one person opens and shares their life with others, enabling another to maximize the grace of God in his/her life and service." Tim Smith Sermon Central
- b. Remember God Loves Everyone: ¹⁶ For God loved the world in this way: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16
- c. Remember God Can change anyone: ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come! 2 Corinthians 5:17
- d. Remember Fellowship builds relationships: ¹⁸ As He was walking along the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter), and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ "Follow Me," He told them, "and I will make you fish for people." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. Matthew 4:18-20

- e. Who, other than your parents, has had an impact on your life? Why did they choose you or why did you choose them.

III. Investing In Mentees and Mentors

- a. How do we start investing in others? First, you have to make yourself **available**. You've got to open up your life to allow people to come on in. Second, you've got to be **intentional**. Most people aren't going to come up to you and ask you to invest in them. It's going to require you to take that first step in their direction. You have to put in the effort. Third, **be aware**. There's always going to be someone in your life that you can pour into. That means you've just got to have your eyes open to be aware of them.

- First, assign the mentee preliminary stretch tasks; Second, when successful and ready, make additional assignments requiring more skills and responsibilities; Third, invite him (or her) to key events; Fourth, allow the mentee to observe the mentor in action; Fifth, affirm the mentee for achievements; Sixth, step aside to let the mentee succeed. Tim Smith Sermon Central

- b. Moses Mentorship of Joshua is a great example of this kind of investing

1. Give a task: ⁹Moses said to Joshua, "Select some men for us and go fight against Amalek.

Tomorrow I will stand on the hilltop with God's staff in my hand." Exodus 17:9

2. Give Authority ⁷Moses then summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you will go with^[c] this people into the land the Lord swore to give to their ancestors. You will enable them to take possession of it. Deuteronomy 31:7-8

c. Mentoring last a life time

- ¹⁹Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

IV. Supporting Mentees and Mentors

a. Training

1. Training is a major part of Mentorship and is done through Encouragement, Rebuke, and Discipline.
2. ¹⁸Timothy, my son, I am giving you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies previously made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the good fight, ¹⁹having faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and have shipwrecked the faith. ²⁰Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have delivered to Satan, so that they may be taught not to blaspheme. 1 Timothy 1:18-20

b. Spiritual Guidance

1. Mentors "pour themselves" into the Mentees.
2. This saying is trustworthy: "If anyone aspires to be an overseer, he desires a noble work." ²An overseer, therefore, must be above reproach, the

husband of one wife, self-controlled, sensible, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³ not an excessive drinker, not a bully but gentle, not quarrelsome, not greedy. ⁴ He must manage his own household competently and have his children under control with all dignity. ⁵ (If anyone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of God's church?) ⁶ He must not be a new convert, or he might become conceited and incur the same condemnation as the devil. ⁷ Furthermore, he must have a good reputation among outsiders, so that he does not fall into disgrace and the devil's trap.

1 Timothy 3:1-7

c. Physical Support

1. ²³ Don't continue drinking only water, but use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses. 1 Timothy 5:23
2. Be Relevant, Serve this Present age: Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus, ² because the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:1