
MENTORING METHODS

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INTRODUCTION:

Mentoring will look different depending on the person that you are mentoring. You will treat a college student different than a middle-aged man. You will treat a woman different than a man.

Mentoring is not done in a classroom. Where?

DISCUSSION:

I. BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF MENTORS

A. Phillip & Ethiopian (Acts 8:30-31)

B. Paul & Timothy (1 Tim. 1:2; 2 Tim. 1:2)

C. Eli & Samuel (1 Sam. 2:12, 18-22, 26; 1 Sam. 3:1-5, 15-21)

1. Eli did not correct his sons, however, it appears Eli seems to have taken Samuel under his wing and helped him along the way.

II. MODERN EXAMPLES OF MENTORS

A. Gary Fisher

1. When going on a Bible study he takes a young man with him.

B. Chris

1. Been have a Bible study with him for about 3 years, play basketball with him. One night at church he asked me for a favor and I said sure. "I have a job interview and I bought a new tie. Could you tie it for me?"

C. Gary

1. He asked if I had been assigned to him.

D. The Beckham Inn

1. My wife and I have a lot of young people that have lived with us. Young men wanting to be preachers, young ladies that have co-op jobs in Louisville. During these times we will take them aside and help them. Encourage them, help them love the Lord. They pay nothing, free lodging, free food, etc. They seem to listen to us and respect us.

E. Summer Preacher Program

1. We have a training program every summer to help train a young man who is interested in preaching. We encourage them, help, instruct, and tell them things that work and what doesn't work in their sermons. We take them under our wing.

CONCLUSION:

1. Pick out 3 people you feel you can help the most and draw close to them.
 - i. Put their names on your refrigerator to remind you that you have a job to do.
2. A sequence to follow.
 - i. Spend time with them. Ask them over regularly to eat, watch the game, go out to eat, etc.
 - ii. Get to know them.
 - iii. Talk to them. And I mean really talk with them.
 - iv. Gain their trust.
 - v. Show them you really care about them.
 - vi. Help them; advise them.
 - vii. Go out of your way.
 - viii. Earn their respect.