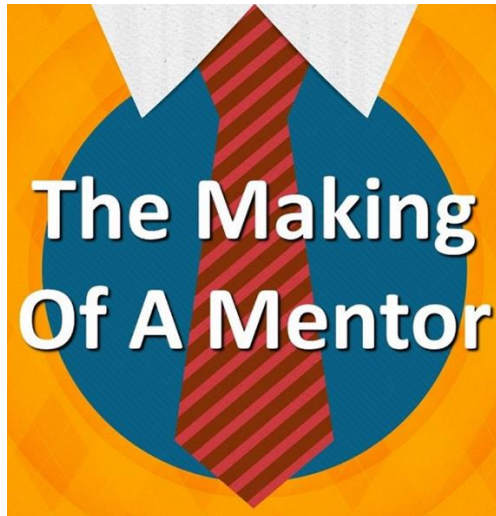


The Making of a Mentor (Father's Day)

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1 Corinthians 4:15-16

I'm not writing all this as a neighborhood scold just to make you feel rotten. I'm writing as a father to you, my children. I love you and want you to grow up well, not spoiled. There are a lot of people around who can't wait to tell you what you've done wrong, but there aren't many fathers willing to take the time and effort to help you grow up. It was as Jesus helped me proclaim God's Message to you that I became your father. I'm not, you know, asking you to do anything I'm not already doing myself.

Ephesians 6:4

Fathers, don't exasperate your children by coming down hard on them. Take them by the hand and lead them in the way of the Master.

What is a mentor?

- ✓ An experienced and trusted advisor
 - ✓ A confidant
 - ✓ A guide
 - ✓ A father
 - ✓ A spiritual leader
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- A mentor is someone who sees more talent and ability within you than you see in yourself and helps bring it out of you.
 - Our world needs mentors.
 - Our churches need mentors.
 - Our homes need mentors.

5 ingredients in the making of a mentor

1. Have a goal or dream

Joshua 14:6-14

Now the people of Judah approached Joshua at Gilgal, and Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, "You know what the Lord said to Moses the man of God at Kadesh Barnea about you and me. I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh Barnea to explore the land. And I brought him back a report according to my convictions, but my fellow Israelites who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt in fear. I, however, followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly. So on that day Moses swore to me, 'The land on which your feet have walked will be your inheritance and that of your children forever, because you have followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly.' "Now then, just as the Lord promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time he said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the wilderness. So here I am today, eighty-five years old! I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I'm just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then. Now give me this hill country that the Lord promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, the Lord helping me, I will drive them out just as he said." Then Joshua blessed Caleb son of Jephunneh and gave him Hebron as his inheritance. So Hebron has belonged to Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite ever since, because he followed the Lord, the God of Israel, wholeheartedly.

Malachi 2:15-16

Did he not make them one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union? And what was the one God seeking? Godly offspring. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and let none of you be faithless to the wife of your youth. "For the man who does not love his wife but divorces her, says the Lord, the God of Israel, covers his garment with violence, says the Lord of hosts. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and do not be faithless."

- Caleb had a goal – a mountain – a city...even though he knew there were giants facing him his vision and passion provided action.
- Vision -> Passion -> Action
- "The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires." -William Ward

2. Decide now... not to quit

Psalms 105:17-22

and he sent a man before them— Joseph, sold as a slave. They bruised his feet with shackles, his neck was put in irons, till what he foretold came to pass, till the word of the Lord proved him true. The king sent and released him, the ruler of peoples set him free. He made him master of his household, ruler over all he possessed, to instruct his princes as he pleased and teach his elders wisdom.

- Joseph did not quit...

- When others did not believe his dream.
- When he was thrown into a pit.
- When he was sold into slavery.
- When he was thrown into jail.
- When he was forgotten by everyone.

3. Learn from your mistakes and failures

Philippians 3:14

I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Proverbs 24:16

The godly may trip seven times, but they will get up again. But one disaster is enough to overthrow the wicked.

- “Remember that mentor leadership is all about serving.” -Tony Dungy

4. Draw inspiration from others

- Joshua learned from Moses.
- Elisha learned from Elijah.
- Timothy learned from Paul.

Proverbs 11:30

The seeds of good deeds become a tree of life; a wise person wins friends.

Proverbs 27:17

As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.

- “Leaders should influence others in such a way that it builds people up and encourages them so they can duplicate this attitude in others.” - Bob Goslen

5. Keep pressing on one step at a time

Habakkuk 2:2-3

Then the Lord said to me, “Write my answer plainly on tablets, so that a runner can carry the correct message to others. This vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed.

- “Mentoring is: sharing life’s experiences and God’s faithfulness.” - Janet Thompson