

MENTORING INDIVIDUALS

INTRODUCTION

I. SCRIPTURAL TESTIMONY FOR MENTORING FAITHFUL MEN

- A. Mentoring Faithful Men Is Christ's Mandate.
- B. Mentoring Faithful Men Was Christ's Method.
- C. Mentoring Faithful Men Was Paul's Method.
- D. Mentoring Faithful Men Produced The Model Church.

II. SEVENTEEN SPIRITUAL BENEFITS OF MENTORING FAITHFUL MEN

- # 1. *It will enable you to know the spiritual state of your men.*
- # 2. *It will enable you to help your men grow spiritually.*
- # 3. *It will make your preaching more effective.*
- # 4. *It will develop a bond of love.*
- # 5. *It will enable you to be a true shepherd.*
- # 6. *It will enable your men to understand the pastoral office.*
- # 7. *It will produce godly children.*
- # 8. *It will produce radiant wives.*
- # 9. *It will strengthen future generations.*
- # 10. *It will make the best use of your time.*
- # 11. *It will keep you alert spiritually.*
- # 12. *It will cause you to focus on the main priority.*
- # 13. *It will multiply your ministries.*
- # 14. *It will lighten your counseling load.*
- # 15. *It will equip workers, for the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry.*
- # 16. *It will produce more witnessing Christians.*
- # 17. *It will enable you to fulfill the 'one another' commands of Scripture.*

III. EIGHT REQUIREMENTS TO BE AN EFFECTIVE MENTOR OF MEN

- #1. You must know your goal.
 - A. *It helps him to gain assurance of salvation.*
 - B. *It helps him to receive God's best in every area of his life.*
 - C. *It helps him to so love his wife that she would respond to him as the church should to Christ.*
 - D. *It helps him to so lead his family, that his children would honor him and obey him.*
 - E. *It helps him to prepare his sons and daughters for successful marriages.*
 - F. *It helps him to gain financial freedom.*
 - G. *It helps him to discover insights from Scripture in order to make wise decisions.*
 - H. *It helps him to learn how to appropriate God's power over sin.*
- # 2. You must know your man.
- # 3. You must know how to take your man to the goal.
- # 4. You must be power conscious, not problem conscious.
- # 5. You must focus on people, not programs.

6. You must be a learner.

7. You must be a teacher.

- A. *By sharing the things you have learned yourself.*
- B. *You need to share yourself.*
- C. *By showing the way.*

8. You must be flexible.

- A. *Flexible as a father 1 Thessalonians 2:11-12*
- B. *Flexible as a mother 1 Thessalonians 2:7*
- C. *Flexible as a brother 1 Thessalonians 2:1,9*
- D. *Flexible as a friend John 15:13*

IV. THREE ASPECTS OF MENTORING FAITHFUL MEN

1. Teaching.

2. Mentoring.

3. Transmitting.

V. OUR MAIN GOAL

- 1. *Men who are committed to the Lordship of Christ.*
- 2. *Men who are committed to obedience to God's Word.*
- 3. *Men who are committed to loving the brothers.*
- 4. *Men who are committed to bearing fruit.*

VI. HOW TO BEGIN MENTORING FAITHFUL MEN

- A. Be convinced it is not an option.
- B. Rearrange your schedule to make it a priority.
- C. Pray that the Lord would send you a faithful man.
- D. Be alert for indications of a faithful man.
- E. Begin a screening process.
 - The FIRST Meeting*
 - The SECOND Meeting*
 - The THIRD Meeting*
 - The FOURTH Meeting (Basically it follows the same system.)*
- F. You need to pray and think about it.
- G. Complete the mentors Helpful Insights. (Project 7 in the Project Sheet)
- H. Set up regular structured meetings:
- I. Plan some unstructured times together in the summer.
 - 1. *If you are married, include your wife and do some things together as families.*
 - 2. *Visit some other believers.*
 - 3. *Do a spiritual activity together. Go witnessing, go talk to some unbelievers together.*
 - 4. *Expose him to opportunities for future growth.*
- J. As your ministry multiplies...then
 - 1. *Have your man follow the same process with another man.*
 - 2. *Have them complete a Mentor's Report every month, see Project sheet page 11, and give it to you.*

3. *Have a special monthly or quarterly meeting for all the men involved in the “Mentoring faithful men” individually” ministry.*

VII. BECOMING A FAITHFUL MAN — PROJECT 1

- A. Why must we mentor faithful men?
- B. What are the four marks Jesus gives of a faithful man?
- C. How is someone trained?

VIII. SPIRITUAL EVALUATION — PROJECT 2

- A. Now we look at “faith.”
- B. “God’s Word”, works the same way.
- C. There are five categories:
 1. *The first is my relationship to God.*
 2. *My relationship to my partner.*
 3. *My relationship to my children.*
 4. *My relationship to other believers.*
 5. *My relationship to non-believers.*

IX. SETTING PERSONAL GOALS —PROJECT 3

X. CURRICULUM GUIDE — PROJECT 4

XI. COMMITMENT CHART — PROJECT 5

- A. *To God to be His man at all times and in all circumstances.*
- B. *A commitment to growth.*
- C. *I will make a commitment to a growing group of faithful men.*
 1. *I will begin by making a list and praying for some of them by name.*
 2. *I will begin ministering to other men as good as I can.*
 3. *I will mentor at least one other faithful man.*

XII. PRE-MENTORING EVALUATION — PROJECT 6

- A. Did he contact you, or did you have to contact him, for your meetings during the past month?
- B. Did he arrive on time at the meetings, or did he say,
- C. Did he diligently and enthusiastically complete the assignments you gave him?
- D. Do you sense a good rapport and ease in communication, with him?
- E. Does he demonstrate a teachable spirit?
- F. Do you believe he will take this training seriously and make it a high priority in his schedule?
- G. Do you believe he fully understands the My Commitment card, and has he has signed it?
- H. Do you have peace that this is the man God would have you spend quality time with for the next several months or school year?

XIII. HELPFUL INSIGHTS — PROJECT 7

- A. You begin with the strong points, and you just encourage him further in those.
- B. The weak points that are hindering his spiritual growth and ministry need to be strengthened.
- C. Definite steps of action to take to encourage and strengthen him.

XIV. TRAINERS REPORT — THAT'S PROJECT 8

CONCLUSION

LEADER'S GUIDE

STUDENT NOTES

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR MEN

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR WOMEN

PRACTICAL ASSIGNMENT

SUPPLEMENT PRAYER NOTES

SUPPLEMENT PROJECT SHEETS