

## *“MENTORING ON PURPOSE WITH A PURPOSE”*

*Titus 2:3 - The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;*



IN ORDER TO BE AN EFFECTIVE MENTOR, YOU MUST FIRST ESTABLISH A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR MENTEE. **“HEALTHY”** IS DEFINED AS: 1) ENJOYING HEALTH AND VIGOR OF BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT: WELL; AND 2) PROSPEROUS, FLOURISHING. THIS IS THE BASIS FOR A SUCCESSFUL MENTOR/MENTEE RELATIONSHIP. ACCORDING TO BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY, “HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS INCREASE OUR SELF-ESTEEM, IMPROVE MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH, AND HELP US HAVE FULLER LIVES.”

A GODLY MAN OR WOMAN POSSESSING THE HEART OF GOD IS MOVED WITH COMPASSION AND SHOWS MERCY ON THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED. THEIR PASSION COMES FROM HAVING A RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. THEY ARE THE ONES WHO USUALLY POSSESS THIS TRAIT INSTINCTIVELY SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY ARE GENETICALLY WIRED THAT WAY. IT’S IN THEIR SPIRITUAL DNA.

**(PROVERBS 4:23)** “KEEP THY HEART WITH ALL DILIGENCE; FOR OUT OF IT ARE THE ISSUES OF LIFE.”

NATASHA SISTRUNK ROBINSON, AUTHOR OF “WHO WANTS MENTORING” DEFINES **“MENTORING”** AS “A TRUSTED PARTNERSHIP THROUGH WHICH ONE PERSON OR SEVERAL PERSONS IMPART KNOWLEDGE AND SHARE WISDOM TO FOSTER THE SPIRITUAL GROWTH OF MENTEE(S) WITH THE FOCUS OF INDIVIDUALS GROWTH IN AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST, RESULTING IN A CONTINUOUS ABUNDANT LIVING.” THIS QUOTE CAN BE CLASSIFIED AS A FORMAL DEFINITION FOR THE WORD “MENTORING”.

THE IDEAL MENTOR IS ONE WHOSE ACTIONS, ATTITUDES, AND SPEECH ALL COINCIDE WITH A LIFE DESCRIBED IN SCRIPTURE AS BEING FRUITFUL. THIS MEANS THAT THERE IS TO BE A NEW GENERATION OF MEN AND WOMEN TO RISE UP AND ACTIVELY PURSUE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HOLINESS AND IN TURN ENCOURAGE THOSE COMING BEHIND THEM TO COME ALONGSIDE AND LEARN THE WAYS OF AN ACTIVELY GOOD AND CHRIST-LIKE LIFE.

JESUS REVEALED THAT MENTORING AND MAKING DISCIPLES OCCURS THROUGH BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS IN THE DAY-TO-DAY LIVING, PRAYING AND INTERCEDING, LISTENING, EATING AND FELLOWSHIPING, AND TRUSTING OUR FATHER WITH THE CONCERNS OF DAILY LIVES. EVERY MAN OR WOMAN OF GOD SHOULD BE PURPOSELY MENTORING ANOTHER PERSON. ASK GOD TO SEND YOU THE PERSON THAT HE KNOWS NEEDS WHAT YOU HAVE TO OFFER. MENTORING, ACCORDING TO REGI CAMPBELL, AUTHOR OF *“MENTORING LIKE JESUS”* WROTE, “MENTORING IS NOT ABOUT COMING TO KNOW SOMETHING; THAT WOULD BE EDUCATION. MENTORING ISN’T ABOUT LEARNING TO DO SOMETHING; THAT WOULD BE TRAINING. MENTORING IS ABOUT SHOWING SOMEONE HOW TO BE SOMETHING. IT’S ABOUT BECOMING A LEARNER AND FOLLOWER OF JESUS CHRIST. I CHALLENGE YOU TODAY, TO MENTOR ON PURPOSE WITH A PURPOSE.

*BBlessed!*

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