

Paul & Timothy: Being Mentored and Being a Mentor

(Or being disciplined while making disciples)

1. *What should we look for in a mentor?*
2. *Why do we need a mentor?*
3. *How do we become a mentor?*

What should we look for in a mentor?

1 and 2 Timothy: Paul was writing to Timothy, you can see many things that Paul was saying and writing to someone he was disciplining and mentoring.

As Paul sets the example for us, these are the following things we want to see in a mentor:

1. Someone who knows _____ & knows _____:

- 1 Timothy 1:12-14 *"I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. ¹³ Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. ¹⁴ The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus."*
- Humility is key! If you want someone who is prideful and haughty about where they are at in life, that person will not be able pour into you the way they are meant to. It will be about them instead of truly being about serving you.

2. Someone who _____ you:

- 1 Timothy 4:12 *"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."*

3. Someone who _____ :

- 1 Timothy 1:2 *"To Timothy **my true son** in the faith..."*

4. Someone who _____ you:

2 Timothy 3:1-5 *"But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. ² People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, ⁴ treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— ⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. **Have nothing to do with such people.**"*

5. Someone who _____ you of what is truly important:

- 1 Timothy 4:8 *“For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.”*

6. Someone who calls you _____ and _____ you:

- 1 Timothy 6:11-12 *“But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.”*

7. Someone who is _____:

- 1 Timothy 4:16 *“**Watch your life** and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.”*
- 1 Timothy 6:20-21 *“Timothy, **guard** what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, ²¹ which some have professed and in so doing have departed from the faith.”*
- 2 Timothy 2:22 *“**Flee** the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”*

8. Someone who sees your _____ and calls them out of you:

1 Timothy 4:14 *“Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.”*

9. Someone who is honest, transparent, and _____:

2 Timothy 3:10-13: *“**You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, ¹¹ persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. ¹² In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³ while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived...**”*

How do we become a mentor?

- When these qualities are modeled for us, it spurs us on to do the same for others.
- We become disciples who makes disciple makers: this process should multiple in our lives.
- Wait for God to lead you to someone who you're supposed to pour into!
- Not everyone is supposed to pour into everyone- and that's okay! God intended it this way.

Why do we need to be mentored?

We all need someone who is a little ahead of us who can help us make the most of our current season we're in for the kingdom.

A mentor can and should:

- Help you see your blind spots
- Help you discern your current struggles and circumstances
- Call out sin in your life.
- Call out what needs healing in your life.
- Encourage you to run your race and be all who God is calling you to be!

Things to remember:

- As seasons change, mentors change and who you mentors changes too- this is a part of life!
- God knows who you need when you need them: sometimes we go thru seasons where we don't have an active mentor in your life. Trust God in this process and trust His timing!
- Depending on what God knows you need in your current season, a mentor might be used stronger in one area than others.
- **Sometimes there are seasons where you're not ready to pour into someone (depending on what you're walking thru). Trust God's process in this- WALK WITH GOD, follow His leading, and yield to Him in every season.**

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Paul wrote this to the church at Corinth, but I have to imagine this was his heart towards all those that God led him to mentor, including Timothy.