

# Finding Real Mentors

## Points To Consider

1. Establish a Mentoring Relationship
2. Commit to the Mentoring Relationship
3. End the Mentoring Relationship
4. Principles to Remember

## Establish a Mentoring Relationship

**1 Kings 19:19-21** *So he departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he was with the twelfth. Then Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle on him. 20 And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah, and said, "Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" 21 So Elisha turned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen and slaughtered them and boiled their flesh, using the oxen's equipment, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and followed Elijah, and became his servant.*

\_\_\_\_\_ initiated the mentoring relationship.  
The mentoring relationship is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Num 27:18-21** *And the Lord said to Moses: "Take Joshua the son of Nun with you, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him; 19 set him before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation, and inaugurate him in their sight. 20 And you shall give some of your authority to him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient. 21 He shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire before the Lord for him by the judgment of the Urim. At his word they shall go out, and at his word they shall come in, he and all the children of Israel with him — all the congregation."*

Joshua had proven himself to be \_\_\_\_\_ of this relationship.  
Joshua was chosen because he and Moses \_\_\_\_\_ had the Spirit of the Lord in them.  
When Joshua became Moses' \_\_\_\_\_, there was a ceremony making it official.  
In this mentoring relationship, Joshua was given \_\_\_\_\_ of Moses' authority.

**Matt 4:18-20** *And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 19 Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." 20 They immediately left their nets and followed Him.*

Jesus chose twelve men to mentor during His ministry.

**2 Tim 2:1-2** *You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.*

Paul called Timothy his son. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ Timothy.  
He also calls Timothy to mentor others.

## Commit to the Mentoring Relationship

**2 Kings 2:2-6** *Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, please, for the Lord has sent me on to Bethel."*

*But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So they went down to Bethel. 3 Now the sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that the Lord will take away your master from over you today?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent!" 4 Then Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here, please, for the Lord has sent me on to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So they came to Jericho. 5 Now the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho came to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the Lord will take away your master from over you today?" So he answered, "Yes, I know; keep silent!" 6 Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, please, for the Lord has sent me on to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So the two of them went on.*

Elisha was \_\_\_\_\_ to God, his mentor, and his mentorship.

**Ex 33:10-11** *All the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the tabernacle door, and all the people rose and worshiped, each man in his tent door. 11 So the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.*

Joshua did not depart from the \_\_\_\_\_. He was committed to his work.

**Num 11:28-30** *So Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, one of his choice men, answered and said, "Moses my lord, forbid them!" Then Moses said to him, "Are you zealous for my sake? Oh, that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put His Spirit upon them!" 30 And Moses returned to the camp, he and the elders of Israel.*

Joshua was \_\_\_\_\_ zealous for Moses.  
The mentoring relationship has always been designed to benefit \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Tim 2:3-7** *You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. 5 And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. 6 The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops. 7 Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things.*

Paul was straightforward and let Timothy know the level of commitment it would take to follow in his \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 6:66-71** *From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. 67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" 68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 70 Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?"*

Peter was committed to \_\_\_\_\_ his mentorship.  
Notice again that Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ them to be his followers.

## **End the Mentoring Relationship**

**2 Kings 2:9-14** *And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?" Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me." 10 So he said, "You have asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so." 11 Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. 12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried out, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!" So he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own*

clothes and tore them into two pieces. 13 He also took up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan. 14 Then he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, and said, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" And when he also had struck the water, it was divided this way and that; and Elisha crossed over.

The \_\_\_\_\_ Elijah mentored Elisha was to get him ready to become a great prophet capable of taking his place.

Elisha starts out by \_\_\_\_\_ his mentor's example by taking Elijah's mantle and parting the Jordan river and returning to the other prophets.

**1 Kings 17:15-16** So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days. 16 The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke by Elijah.

Elijah turned the life of a widow and her son around by performing a miracle allowing the jar to continue to have \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Kings 4:5-7** So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured it out. 6 Now it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." And he said to her, "There is not another vessel." So the oil ceased. 7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debt; and you and your sons live on the rest."

Elisha also helped the life of a widow and her sons by a miracle including a jar of \_\_\_\_\_ oil.

**1 Kings 17:19-22** And he said to her, "Give me your son." So he took him out of her arms and carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed. 20 Then he cried out to the Lord and said, "O Lord my God, have You also brought tragedy on the widow with whom I lodge, by killing her son?" 21 And he stretched himself out on the child three times, and cried out to the Lord and said, "O Lord my God, I pray, let this child's soul come back to him." 22 Then the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and he revived.

Elijah brought a widow's son back to life by \_\_\_\_\_ out on him three times.

**2 Kings 4:32-37** When Elisha came into the house, there was the child, lying dead on his bed. 33 He went in therefore, shut the door behind the two of them, and prayed to the Lord. 34 And he went up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands; and he stretched himself out on the child, and the flesh of the child became warm. 35 He returned and walked back and forth in the house, and again went up and stretched himself out on him; then the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. 36 And he called Gehazi and said, "Call this Shunammite woman." So he called her. And when she came in to him, he said, "Pick up your son." 37 So she went in, fell at his feet, and bowed to the ground; then she picked up her son and went out.

Elisha raised a woman's son from the dead by \_\_\_\_\_ out on him.

**Josh 1:1-7** After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying: 2 "Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them — the children of Israel. ... 5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. 6 Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you

go. NKJV

When Moses died, Joshua was \_\_\_\_\_ to lead the people into the land.

When Jesus died, the apostles were ready to \_\_\_\_\_ into all the world and make disciples for their master.

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When Paul died, Timothy became a \_\_\_\_\_ to faithful men who themselves became mentors.

## Principles to Remember

- The mentor usually offers the relationship to someone who has proven himself worthy.
- The mentor is usually older than his protégé.
- Both need to be committed to the relationship.
- The focus of the relationship is God.
- The two should have something in common.
- Mentoring does not have to be a formal arrangement. Older women are to teach younger women (Titus 2:3-5).
- Mentoring is not cloning.
- Mentoring is never meant to last forever.

## Practical Suggestions

- Love people.
- Help people.
- Lead by example.