

The Need for and Power of Mentors

- A. A _____ is “a wise and trusted counselor or teacher.”
- B. While the word *mentor* isn't used in the Bible, the principle most certainly can be seen throughout.
1. *Romans 15:13-14* - “you yourselves are able ... to instruct one another.”
 2. *Philippians 4:4-9* - “What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me...”
 3. *Proverbs 27:17* - “Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.”

Real-Life Examples from God's Word:

- _____ to Moses - “What you are doing is not good” (*Exo 18:1, 13-26*)
- Moses to Joshua - “Be strong and courageous...do not fear or be dismayed” (*Deut 31:7-8*)
- _____ to Samuel - “You shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant hears’” (*1 Sam 3:8-9*)
- David to Solomon - “You, Solomon my son, know the God of your father...” (*1 Chron 28:9-10*)
- _____ to Elisha - *Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him* (*1 Kings 19:19*)
- Mordecai to Esther - “Who knows...for such a time as this?” (*Est 4:12-14*)
- _____ to four fishermen - “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men” (*Matt 4:18-19*)
- Barnabas to Saul - *Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles...* (*Acts 9:26-28; 11:19-26*)
- Priscilla and Aquila to _____ - *they took him aside and explained to him...* (*Acts 18:24-28*)
- Paul to Timothy - *how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel* (*Phil 2:22-23*)
- Paul to _____ - *my true child in a common faith* (*Titus 1:4*)
- Timothy to faithful men - *who will be able to teach others also* (*2 Tim 2:1-2*)
- Titus to older _____ - *teach what is good, and so train the young women* (*Titus 2:1-8*)

The Whole Body, Joined and Held Together By Every Joint (*Eph 4:15-16*)

- To the **more** experienced
 - ⇒ Walk in _____ (*Prov 1:7*)
 - ⇒ Show yourself _____ (*Prov 11:13*)
 - ⇒ Be _____ (*Psa 71:17-18; 145:4*)
- To the **less** experienced
 - ⇒ Walk in _____ (*Prov 4:7*)
 - ⇒ Take care who you're _____ to (*Prov 13:14*)
 - ⇒ Show yourself _____ (*1 Tim 1:18*)
 - ⇒ Be _____ (*Prov 15:22*)
- Whomever we are, let's allow God to shape within us the hearts of mentors (*1 Thes 2:8*)