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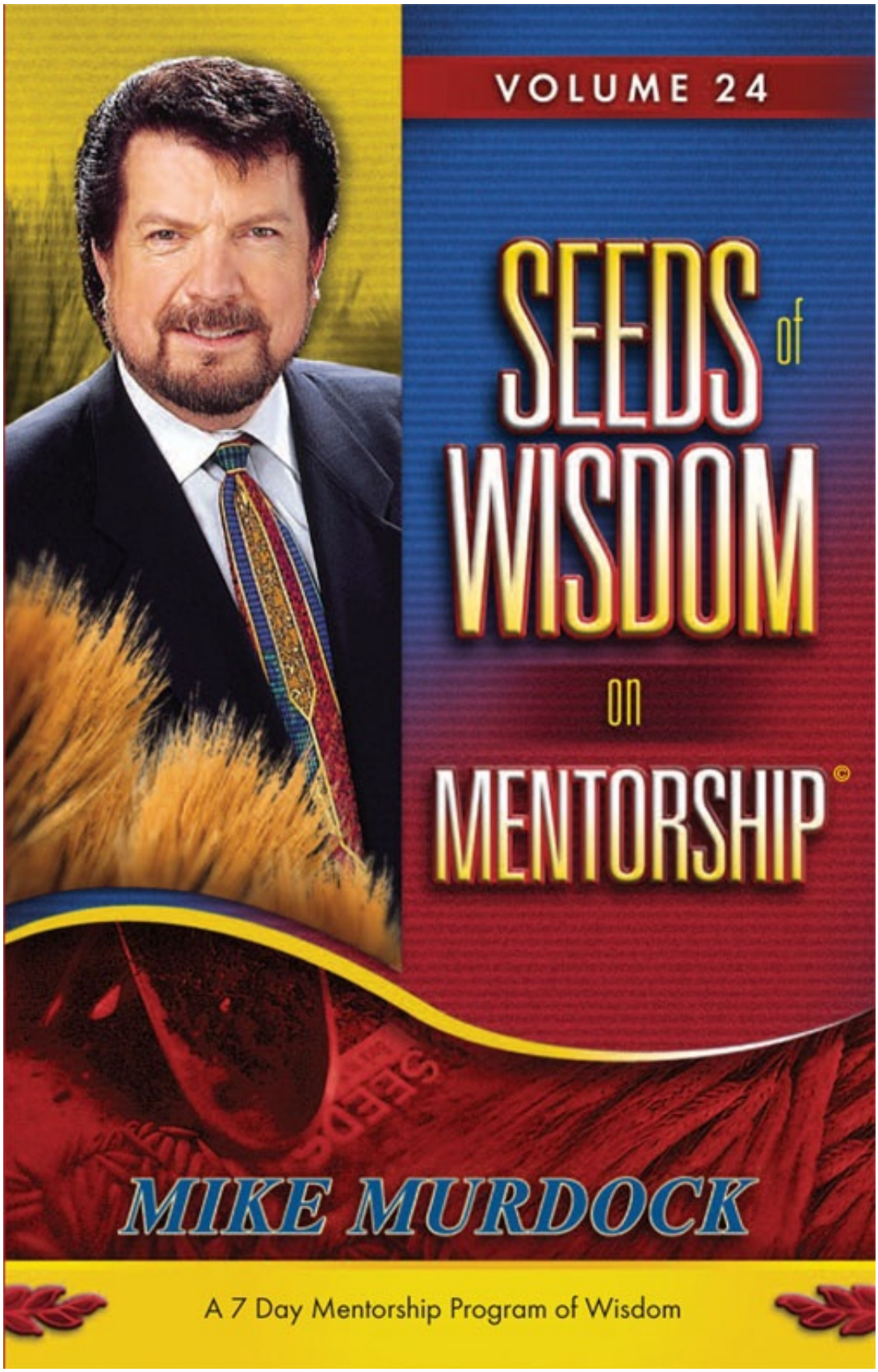

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1

There Are Two Ways To Increase Wisdom: Mistakes And Mentors

Mentors Are Trusted Teachers.

Various teachers will enter and exit your life. Teachers are necessary. You would not have the ability to even read this book, however a teacher entered your life.

You sat at their feet. You learned the alphabet. Hour after hour you sat through boring, agitating and often frustrating, moments.

Yet it opened the Golden Door To Life. This is why God sent *Mentors, ministers* of the gospel and *parents* to impart knowledge.

Your Mentor may be older or younger than yourself. Your Mentor is anyone capable of growing and increasing your life.

The Holy Spirit has placed in your life *natural* Mentors. *Your father and mother are natural* Mentors. Right or wrong…good or bad…your parents are the Mentors The Holy Spirit chose.

There is something in every Mentor God gives you that you need… something you must see and value. When you were born and you cried…you were teaching your parents, "I am going to cry until you do something about it."

One of the biggest mistakes in my early ministry was not being Mentored. *I was not taught Mentorship.* My father, a phenomenal man of God, is a great intercessor, a man of prayer, but he really knew nothing of Mentorship.

Most people do not know the value of Mentorship …*it is the missing link.* Most of us do not know the keys in teaching someone else.

When I was 18 years old and attending Bible College, I felt compelled to go into full-time ministry. My father was pastoring a church in Lake Charles, Louisiana. He needed me there to play the piano…he needed me in many ways, yet did not even offer me a job.

He was very hurt when I left and went on my own…but he never offered me a place to minister. He never said, "I will hire you…this is what I need." It never

crossed his mind to offer me a job description. I guarantee you I would have stayed there …*but he did not know.* Why? Because he was not Mentored and we *perpetuate* what we are.

Wisdom determines the success of your life. Show me your Mentors and I can predict your future. “A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels,” (Proverbs 1:5).

I dare not become so consumed with my desires that I would not listen to the voice of Wisdom. I am talking about a Mentor, a person God sends into your life to take you into your future…one who will help you disconnect from your present …*exit* yesterday and *enter* your tomorrow.

The differences between people are…their discoveries about life, discoveries about health, relationships and finances.

Mentors are the difference between poverty and prosperity; decrease and increase; loss and gain; pain and pleasure; deterioration and restoration.

I am convinced that we do not understand Mentorship. I believe we have lost incredible, gigantic steps of victory because of a lack of Mentorship.

Many people think Mentorship is reading a book, or listening to a tape. Mentorship is really sitting at the feet of The Holy Spirit…and sitting at the feet of those He has *ordained* for your life.

The Holy Spirit is your personal Mentor who will teach you the principles of warfare and battle.

You must be *teachable* and capable of being mentored *daily* by The Holy Spirit to the techniques of warfare. “Blessed be the Lord my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight,” (Psalm 144:1).

The Holy Spirit is your dominant and most important Mentor. Jesus recognized The Holy Spirit as a Mentor. “He shall teach you all things,” (John 14:26).

You must *know* The Holy Spirit as your Mentor… not merely experience Him. You must sit at His feet… not merely touch Him.

Learn to hear and obey the voice of The Holy Spirit within you …*hourly.* Do not take His instructions lightly. Each instruction is linked to an event in your future.

The Principle of Mentorship: You must be teachable. Your Mentor must be *qualified* to impart knowledge for your life.

It is possible that silence and just being able to listen to somebody can be healing. There is a time to let people around you talk…open up their heart to

you.

Mentorship Is Wisdom Without The Pain. Mentors are the easiest way to learn. Your Mentor will unlock your greatness.

- Mentors are more than teachers.
- Teachers love information.
- Mentors love Protégés.
- Teachers enjoy education.
- Mentors enjoy impartation.
- Teachers study to know.
- Mentors study to sow.

8 Facts You Should Know About Mentors

1. Mentors Are Those Who Know What You Do Not Know And Who Have Gone Where You Want To Go.

2. Your Mentor Is Your Coach, Not Your Cheerleader.

3. Your Mentor Does Not Need What You Know; You Need What Your Mentor Knows.

4. You Are Not Essential For The Success of Your Mentor; But He Is Essential For Your Success.

5. Your Mentor Is A Serious Teacher That God Uses To Correct The Course of Your Life.

6. God Will Use Various Mentors At Various Times And Seasons of Your Life.

7. Mentorship Is A Relationship With Someone Who Treasures Your Success Above Your Approval of Them.

8. Your Mentor Will Risk Alienation In Order To Produce Your Success.

There can always be a primary Mentor who remains with you throughout your life. My father is the most important Mentor in my life. For many years I struggled to impress him rather than receive from him. I wanted him to celebrate my discoveries rather than sit and absorb his own discoveries.

Endurance has qualified my father to impart to me. After understanding Mentorship, I am learning more from him in a single day than I previously learned in a year. I now make no effort to teach my father or impart anything to my father. This is a first for me.

What brought the revelation? I have no idea. It may have been the patience of The Holy Spirit.

The guy who is *ahead* in the race is in position to advise the guy behind him. The guy in back of the race is not in position to advise the guy who is *winning* the race. It is important when you are in the presence of a Mentor not to advise, teach, impart or attempt to impress them. *Pursue, cherish and protect your gift from God, your Mentor.*

Respect the Access your Mentor permits you. He will not always be there. You must and will face some battles alone. Drink deeply from his well while you have Access.

Treasure any invitation for private discussion with your Mentor. The presence of others changes the level of intimacy and information.

I have been sitting at the feet of my father documenting every word he says*…drinking from the fountain.*

When I am alone with my father, I receive much more than I do when others are present. The information is more specific. Exact…precise …*just for me.* Thoughts and opinions of others will often dilute and even weaken the impartation.

Your Mentor discerns whether or not you discern his worth. No words need to be spoken…flattering words are unnecessary. Persuasive words do not matter. When you are in the presence of someone who truly respects what you know, a Mentor will detect it instantly.

The ability to *sow* into people qualifies you for Mentorship. Some of the most brilliant minds on earth have no Protégés. They *know* but they cannot *sow.*

The size of your ministry does not qualify you to be a spiritual Mentor. Character does not build a ministry. Structure builds a ministry. Intercession does not make you big. If that was the case then Disney World should lease their intercessors to ministries.

You Are Not A Mentor To Everybody; You Are A Protégé To Someone.

- The Protégé Is A Serious Student…A Learner.
- The Protégé Treasures The Source More Than The Information.
- The Protégé Is Interested In The Mentor Not Merely The Impartation.
- The Protégé Will Stay When The Mentor Has No More To Give Because He Treasures The Source of What He Has Received.

At all times you are both…a Mentor and a Protégé …*Every day of your life you are always learning or teaching someone.*

2

The Proof of Humility Is The Willingness To Reach

The Uncommon Mentor Interprets Pursuit As Proof Someone Is Ready To Be Your Protégé.

You have no right to anything you have not pursued. You are unqualified for anything you are unwilling to reach for.

Reaching out for help is not a sign of weakness. Your future depends on it. You will never travel beyond your Wisdom. Those you admire will *eternally* affect your future.

Many years ago, a wonderful man of God said, “Do not talk to people about something until they are ready to receive it.”

That is why Jesus did not teach many of the Pharisees what He could have taught them. I have learned in my life that you really have no right to anything you have not pursued.

If there is no pursuit, there is no relationship. There can be enjoyable times, friendship associations, but it will not be a true Mentorship relationship.

The Only Real Difference Between Your Present And Your Future Is… Information. Mentorship is accepting *perfect* knowledge from an *imperfect* man. *Pursue* and extract knowledge from Mentors that God has made available to your life.

If you are unhappy with yourself, dare to reach for new information, new teaching and new truths that will elevate you and build your relationship with God.

The Uncommon Mentor Requires And Respects Pursuit. Thousands were blind but one cried out, “Jesus thou Son of David, have mercy on me.” The one who cried out and pursued, received his miracle.

Thousands were sick but one woman, who had hemorrhaged for 12 years, had an issue of blood said, “If I may but touch His garment, I shall be whole,” (Matthew 9:21).

The Proof of Desire Is Pursuit.

A Mentor Is A Golden Link From The Pit To The Palace. Your Mentors are not perfect people, but they have experienced life and are capable of transferring that knowledge to you.

You Need A Variation of Relationships.

- You need someone to tell you…you can do it!
- You need someone to tell you…you did it wrong.
- You need someone to be there and tell you…how to do it right.
- You need someone to check over your work while you do it.

That is a Mentorship Relationship.

The only problem on earth is a Wisdom problem. You must grasp this truth. For relationships, health or finances…all you need is Wisdom.

Wisdom will produce a miracle. "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get Wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding," (Proverbs 4:7).

Wisdom will bring you into the presence of our Mentor, The Holy Spirit. He will help you make decisions and will reveal something you have never known, or something vital to the next season of your life.

Submission is the willingness to embrace the leadership of those governing your life. "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you," (Hebrews 13:17).

Mentors are assigned to impart to you.

Elijah was *assigned* to Elisha.

Paul *felt* the pain of Timothy.

Moses *advised* Joshua.

Mordecai felt accountable to *reveal* the plot to Esther.

Find a Protégé…someone who is able to learn from you…someone who has a desire to learn from you…who greatly values what God has placed within you…someone who can become an Uncommon Protégé under your Mentorship.

I would begin to nurture that relationship with my Protégé. It will change the way you look at the relationship. An incredible patience comes with a Protégé. If there is something you value and want in your life…no matter, what it takes…an Uncommon Protégé will make it happen.

A God-Connection must occur between the Mentor and the Protégé. When

God puts a Protégé or Mentor in your life…there will be a God-given patience.

A 71 year old nun called and wanted to meet with me. She had been at one of our services. She has been a nun for 50 years. She said, “My whole life has been one of prayer. You have revolutionized my life. My life will never be the same again.”

She is very active in the Catholic Church. She said, “What you have spoken about The Holy Spirit has changed my life forever. I want to meet with you. Because of you I will never be the same.” She is an Uncommon Protégé.

It is important to identify an Uncommon Protégé. The Protégé is not necessarily the confidante of the Mentor. The law of repetition is necessary in the learning process. A Protégé should address his questions to the Mentor. The Mentor will address the Protégé with answers.

10 Qualities of An Uncommon Protégé

1. The Uncommon Protégé Will Invest Everything To Stay In The Presence of The Uncommon Mentor. Ruth persisted. “Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go,” (Ruth 1:16).

2. The Uncommon Protégé Follows The Counsel of The Uncommon Mentor. God established the punishment of a rebellious Protégé who sneered at the counsel of his covering. (See Deuteronomy 17:12-13.)

3. The Uncommon Protégé Reveals The Secret And Dreams of His Heart With The Mentor. Vulnerability creates the unbreakable bond between a Mentor and the Protégé.

4. The Uncommon Protégé Freely Discusses His Mistakes And Pain With The Mentor.

5. The Uncommon Protégé Defines Clearly His Expectations To The Mentor. Elisha explained his desire to Elijah.

6. The Uncommon Protégé Gladly Sows Seeds of Appreciation Back Into The Life of The Mentor. (See 1 Kings 10.)

7. The Uncommon Protégé Ultimately Receives The Mantle of The Mentor He Serves. Transference of Anointing is a fact, not a fantasy. The Apostle Paul documented it. “Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands,” (2 Timothy 1:6).

Joshua received it. “There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail

thee, nor forsake thee," (Joshua 1:5).

8. The Uncommon Protégé Moves Toward The Shelter of The Mentor During A Season of Uncommon Attack And Warfare.

The picture of David and Samuels's relationship is remarkable. "So David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth," (1 Samuel 19:18).

Think about this! During serious attack, David did not withdraw from Samuel. He pursued him. He invested time with him.

9. The Uncommon Protégé Will Change His Own Schedule To Invest Time In The Presence of The Mentor. Paul did. (See Galatians 1:17-18.)

10. The Uncommon Protégé Is One Who Discerns, Respects And Pursues The Answers God Has Stored In The Mentor For Their Life.

You might say, "Mike, How do I know who is good for me?" It must be someone who will help you *change…* someone who helps you *become. Pursue Qualified Mentors.*

Treasure Your Mentor. Your Mentor is anyone who consistently teaches you what you want to know.

When you pray today, ask God to direct you to someone He has chosen to contribute to your life. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you," (Matthew 7:7).

The prayers of your Mentors and spiritual leaders are especially effective when you pursue them. "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him," (James 5:14-15).

Somebody knows something you do not know. Learn to listen. That information may be valuable. "A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels," (Proverbs 1:5).

You have to listen to receive impartation. Resist the temptation to become defensive and belligerent.

You Will Never Possess What You Are Unwilling To Pursue. Elisha received a double-portion of God's power. He was willing to pay *any* price to stay in the presence of Elijah, the great prophet. Joshua observed Moses. Ruth reached for Boaz.

Choose a proven Mentor who increases your faith in God.

Learn from the scars of your Mentor as well as his sermons. Honor those

who are qualified to help you. “And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake. And be at peace among yourselves,” (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13).

The Most Valuable Person In Your Life Is The One Who Feeds Your Faith. You must ask for help. You must ask your Mentors for counsel. They see what you do not see. They hear what you do not hear. They have been where you have not been.

- Mentors Will Not Respond To Your Need.
- Mentors Will Respond To Your Pursuit.

Let me explain.

Although The Holy Spirit observes you making mistakes every day…He does not always correct you unless you approach Him. You must reach. You must *ask, seek and knock.*

There are great changes in my life. I can tell I am becoming a different man. That does not mean last year was horrible or that last year I was all wrong.

It means when the *seasons* change, the *weaponry* changes and the *information* has to change.

Wherever you are right now…The Holy Spirit is giving you a Mentor. Embrace them, thank God for them and learn from them.

3

Your Goals Choose Your Mentors

What You Respect Will Come Toward You.

What You Do Not Respect Will Move Away From You.

Those who surround you influence what you become. Read biographies of extraordinary people who tapped into the Fountain of Faith. Their lives will excite you to new heights.

Your Goals Choose Your Mentors. If you want to lose weight, you do not sit at the table of somebody who weighs 400 pounds. You choose to sit at the table of somebody who has achieved a weight goal.

Meditate on the lives of Champions as David and Joseph. It will unleash *energy, enthusiasm* and *faith.* "And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits," (Daniel 11:32).

Champions build their lives around their strengths. *Losers* build their lives around their weaknesses. Develop the habit of pursuing Greatness. Great men have great habits …*daily habits.* That is what separates them from the masses.

Whom do you know personally that has achieved uncommon goals? Pursue these relationships. Listen to their counsel. Open your heart to them and share the goals that burn within you.

You will take giant steps toward your goals when you dare to reach out to involve others. Acknowledge helpful insights gladly.

The Quality of The Mentor Determines The Productivity of The Protégé. Study the *habits* of Uncommon Mentors. Thomas Edison said his difference from others was that others thought on many things while he "thought on only one thing all day long."

You will need a circle of counsel. You will need Uncommon Mentors. Mentors are not simply teachers. Mentors are *trusted* teachers.

Mentors think *generational.* Protégés think *inspirational.* The Mentor is thinking more than just tonight.

I noticed in the pulpit the average. Protégé thinks inspirationally. What does

that mean? Everything important is now…this service…in the moment. No, this is one part of our life. This is not everything. We have a life to live.

I study the lives of wealthy people. I have learned that wealthy people think long-term. The poor do not…that is why they do not leave a will to provide for their family.

The wealthy think *generational…* that is why it multiplies…they pass it on. They have a focus, they think long-term…*beyond today.*

Sam Walton the billionaire said, "I never invest in a company for where it will be in 18 months…I want to know where this company will be in 10 years."

God wants you to think *generational…* that means *long-term planning* and *thinking.* Always look at what God is looking at and you will feel what God is feeling. Always *linger* where God lingers.

Mentorship is the Master Key to Extraordinary Success. Jesus understood this. He was the Son of God. He knew more than any other human on earth, yet He honored the authority of His own government.

When people came to Him questioning His opinion on paying taxes to Caesar, He answered, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's," (Mark 12:17).

Are you speaking words of doubt and criticism about those in authority? It is true…those in authority are not perfect. They make mistakes. However, *when you are in the presence of a Mentor it is imperative to listen.*

Listeners are rare …*so rare.* Everybody feels like what they say matters more than anything else. Listen thoughtfully, not critically. *Listen with awareness.*

Elisha did not receive the double portion because he sat under Elijah's teaching, but that he stayed in the shadow of Elijah. The greatest truths are never explained…only imparted. The greatest and deepest qualities of life cannot be defined.

One young man said to me, "Well, I do not have to ask any questions. I observe. I just watch what you do." I said, "Right, and you do not know *what* I did not do, because I did not do it."

I said, "Son, you cannot simply learn from observation. Let me tell you the weaknesses of just observing. You do not know *why* I did what I did. You do not know *if* what I did I would do again or if it is *just* this circumstance."

If you could only learn from observation your mouth and ears would not be necessary.

Ask questions. Ask the right questions. Ask them thoroughly. Ask them

because you care… document your answers.

I am feeling my life take a radical shift. I am losing all desire to persuade. *I have a desire to impart.* The difference between the two is profound. You must persuade the unteachable. You have to persuade the slow…the *rebel.*

You will not learn everything from one Mentor during your life. Do not attempt it. It is too much stress on them also. God never intended for you to learn from one source.

Mentorship Is Success Without The Wait. Knowledge is exploding all around us. Many Mentors are necessary to make you *successful, learned* and *skilled* throughout life.

Uncommon men of God are sharing with us their expertise on *faith, financial blessings* and the *power of God.* They are teaching us the principles of success for marriage, purity and for every part of our lives.

It is astounding how many times we do not see ourselves as needing Mentorship. We basically feel that whatever we need will come in time. One of the fallacies that destroy Mentorship is "whatever will be, will be."

Whatever is happening in your life is a direct God reaction to something you have said, or something you have done. "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land," (Isaiah 1:19).

We have accepted and embraced whatever happens is the will of God. Many things have nothing to do with the will of God. It can become our way of avoiding responsibility for our circumstances.

It is a phenomenal heritage to have a father of whom I can say truthfully, I have never heard curse or tell a lie. I have never heard him say one word that could not be printed on the front page of a newspaper.

At over 90 years old, my father continues to spend his days walking in the presence of God, and meditating in The Word of God. In a nation of scarred and stained ministries, my father lived with the same woman 63 years, walking in the presence of God.

You would think that everybody connected to him would instantly do whatever he said…he is a walking testimony! However, even Jesus did not have everybody connected to Him doing what He said! Is the quality of the Mentor revealed in the Protégé? No, the quality of the *Protégé* is revealed in the *Protégé. Judas is not a reflection of the weaknesses in Jesus.*

It is your personal responsibility to inspire others to assist you in your Assignment. "For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened," (Luke 11:10).

Our Mentor, The Holy Spirit may reveal something to you that you have forgotten, something you have never known, or something vital for the next season of your life.

When God imparts information to you, sometimes you are ready… sometimes you are *not* ready.

You say, "Well, He will not tell me anything I am not ready for." Oh yes… He will…just to document that He did. Jesus was continuously telling His disciples things they were not ready for.

The disciples' not being ready was not His fault…things they were not even ready to hear. Jesus will tell you things you are not ready to hear.

The wonderful thing is sometimes you can be in the presence of somebody who does not hear what He said, but you did. Thank God, grab it and move on! I have been in many services where people around me did not get what God was saying, but I got it.

I have a sneaky feeling there have also been services where I did not get it, and somebody else got it.

They received the impartation of The Holy Spirit. I saw it…because they had the joy…and I walked out *without* the joy. So evidently joy is proof you received; the lack of joy is proof you did not receive.

I believe the atmosphere you permit determines the product you produce. I believe that what you permit around you determines what grows inside you.

Warfare is the ideal time to reach for your Mentor. Two are better than one. God places people around us, "Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety," (Proverbs 11:14).

Reach quickly for the Mentors who have proven their compassion and competence in times of storms. Ask God to let your goals get so big inside of you that immediately you know whose Mentorship to pursue. Elisha had a craving for the anointing. Unclutter your life of any relationships that do not help to achieve your goals.

Sit At The Feet of The Very Best.

4

The Uncommon Mentor Knows Exactly What The ProtÉGÉ Must Know To Become What The Mentor Is

The Mentor Knows The Pitfalls…He Sees The Dangers…From Where You Are To Where He Is.

The Mentor has traveled that road and can see what the Protégé does not see. He has seen the distractions that the Protégé has not seen.

He knows the power of an *accelerated* mistake. Mistakes are not dangerous…it is the *increase* of them. Every mistake is a mama…pregnant with a dozen more. The Mentor knows that.

Elijah knew what Elisha had to do to receive what he had. The Mentor discerns the direction the Protégé is going. The Protégé only knows where he is. The Mentor knows his destination, so he discerns the direction he is going toward and the danger he may encounter.

I have become angry with a Protégé of mine because he made a decision he had told me he would not make. He could not see that I discerned the wrong direction he was taking.

The Mentor does not want to anger the Protégé… but will…to bring correction and keep him on course… for the sake of his future. That is why Paul corrected Timothy. The Mentor will confront error in the life of a Protégé.

The Bible says correct a fool and they will hate you. Your friends will not correct you. They treasure your friendship more than your success…interested in your love for them more than your success.

Your Mentor does not need you for fun. You may never go on a vacation with your Mentor or your Protégé. That is not the purpose of the Mentor.

The role of the Mentor is to be *corrective.* If you are too comfortable with the Mentor, he does not stay a Mentor.

This is sometimes very grievous to a Mentor. Sometimes I have just wanted to be a buddy to my son, have bought him something on a trip, excited to get home…just to be with him.

Then I arrive at home only to find he has done something that requires me to change the role from father and friend to Mentor. It gets tiresome to keep changing hats.

It is important for you to discern a relationship for what it really is. If it is a Mentor-Protégé relationship, sometimes you are going to be uncomfortable. You may feel your Mentor is angry or unhappy with you. *He is not…he is there for correction.*

The Uncommon Mentor Is Accessible To An Uncommon Protégé. The Uncommon Mentor does not waste his time trying to prove himself to the Protégé.

However he is *reachable, attainable* and aware that it is the *appetite* of the Protégé that determines the quality of the banquet that he sets for the Protégé.

If I sit in your presence, what comes out of me reveals what is inside you and vice versa. Paul put it this way, "you determine how I come to you."

When I am in the presence of some people… nothing flows.

I am like a closed-up stream…no ideas come…no creativity.

When I am around Nancy Harmon, I just want to write songs. Why? She respects songs that usher in the presence of God.

Notice what comes out of you in the presence of others. If they are carriers of offenses, you will find you suddenly want to complain about people who have done wrong to you over the years. *What is inside of another magnifies something in you.*

The Uncommon Mentor Knows That God Will Withhold From Him Information That He Tells To Others.

God does not tell you everything. Many people got upset with Oral Roberts, when God told him that he was going to be taken home to Heaven if he did not follow an instruction. He was blasted by preachers everywhere. One preacher said, "I do not think God told him that!" I said, "Now what is your problem, whether God could *talk* or Oral could not *hear?* Which one was your problem?"

I have lived long enough to know that God does not Xerox His instructions off to me and then hand them to my staff. When you hear that God has told someone something unusual…if it is not in direct contradiction to The Word of God…let God deal with it.

Someone said, “If God is with them, we do not want to be the ones to be their enemy; if God is not with them, it will die down, lose its steam…lose its momentum…*let it go.”*

The true Mentor knows that God will reveal things to a Protégé that He will never reveal to him, the Mentor. This happened in the life of Samuel and Eli.

Parasites Want What Is In Your Hand. Protégés Want What Is In Your Heart. A Mentor will recognize when you value their worth. They will discern the reasons others pursue them. Motive, character and desperation are deciding what you truly value inside of the Mentor.

The Prodigal son did not value his home. He just wanted money. The Elder son wanted a relationship. Parasites may qualify for a meal, but a true obedient Protégé qualifies for Access and the legacy of the Mentor.

Parasites manipulate for quick gain. Protégés sow servanthood in exchange for continued relationship. Never hesitate to identify the difference.

The Present of The Mentor Is The Future of The Protégé. The Uncommon Mentor has a photograph of the Protégés future because he is standing where his Protégé wants to be.

If you are following the right Mentor, your Mentor should be a prophecy of your future.

It is important to see past the personality quirks of a Mentor. If a Mentor was unaware of his own imperfections, he could not tolerate you.

Do not lose the gold because you see a pebble in the gold mine. Do not walk away from the vein of silver when you see traces of ore or something of less value.

A man is not a man of God because he lacks human traits…he is a man of God because God has chosen to walk beside him. Men are God’s channels. You cannot learn from everyone…find someone you can learn from. He may use various people to benefit you.

Never forget to be thankful to the true source—your Heavenly Father.

The Uncommon Mentor Knows Exactly What The Protégé Must Know To Become What The Mentor Is.

An Uncommon Mentor knows he is not the only true source of information. He knows he does not own the Protégé and does not want the personal responsibility of the future of the Protégé.

He will want you to find God for yourself. He does not keep you to himself. He draws you to The Holy Spirit Who walks beside you.

The Uncommon Mentor does not consider his Protégé his possession, servant or slave. There are some Mentors that believe if you treat your Protégé rough and unkind, talk to him like a dog; this will prove his validity as a Protégé.

My feeling is that I will serve no man that I do not want to be like.

I do not care if his name is Elisha, I would not serve someone, if I did not see the spirit of Christ in him.

I need to see the nature of God in that person …*I must see that.* I do not mean they are perfect…we know that Naomi had her problems, Moses had his problems…but I have to believe that God is using this person before I want to hear what they have to say.

You need a Mentor who sees what you are capable of becoming. That is why The Holy Spirit will show you things to come. He was the One Who gave Joseph a picture of himself on the throne.

God had 12 tribes that He used to perpetuate His vision. Jesus had 12 disciples. The number 12 is an important number in The Word of God. There are over 42 major references to the number 12. Circle those 12 people around your life…do not spread yourself too thin. Focus on those who celebrate you. I want you to discover and discern your *Harvest 12.*

- Who Are The 12 People In Your Life Who See You As A Harvest?
- Who Celebrates And Values What You Have Been Given?
- Who Are The 12 People That You See As A Harvest In Your Life?
- Who Welcomes Your Ministry?
- Who Wants What You Want To Give? Not Who Wants What You Have.

There are different circles of intimacy. John laid his head on the bosom of Jesus. Peter, James and John were with Him in the closing hours of Gethsemane. The 12 disciples, then there were 70, then 120.

It is important for you to differentiate and carefully qualify those who have Access to your *mind,* your *words* and your *presence.* Guard those who value and celebrate what God has put inside you. It is important that they value the same things you value. *You will know if there is a future in a relationship if they value what you value.*

I do not have a lot of time; my Assignment consumes me.

I am convinced that my hours are limited on earth. I have a passion for what I do and *I must do it with all of my heart.* You will not see me wasting a lot of hours. I do not lie around and watch television for hours or attend a lot of ball games.

I am focused on my Assignment. If somebody is in my life that I treasure, *they have to value that hour that I have to give them. I value my time.*

What do you value? Nobody is going to make your decisions for you. Elijah did not say, "Elisha, I think you need to follow me." That was Elisha's decision. Your decision will decide the amount of persistence and tenacity you use.

Mentors do not make decisions for Protégés. If somebody makes a decision *for you,* you will *contest* it, *analyze* it and *blame* them for the decision you make. Mentors give them information and then allow them to make the decision.

Your Protégés are the ones you want to save your time for, you want to listen to…sow into. Sometimes those closest to us are Protégés and we do not realize it.

Sometimes we have to reprogram our thinking because we talk differently with a Protégé. You have more compassion with a Protégé.

What do I think the most important thing is in being a Protégé? Do not wear your feelings on your shoulders. Do not pull aside, get upset and pout. Do not mouth off sarcasms.

Joshua has fascinated me. He is tearing at his clothes screaming out to Moses, "Please, believe what I am telling you, we can take Canaan," and Moses looks at his number one Protégé and totally disregards his suggestions. Yet when Joshua wrote about him he said, "Moses, *the servant of the Lord."*

A quality Protégé sees past the flaws of the Mentor and taps into the gold mine that is in him. I have lost some of the greatest things I could have had in my life because of being too sensitive to someone…a personality quirk…or something I did not like and I withdrew from someone who had fresh water because I did not like the size of the bucket. *The Mentors own imperfections enable him to have patience with the Protégé.*

The Quality of A Mentor Does Not Guarantee The Quality of The Protégé.

Consider: Jesus-Paul-David versus Judas-Demas-Absalom.

Who are you Mentoring? Do not try to teach everyone. It will exhaust you. Remember to number your days. Your time is short. Make your life count. Sow yourself into the lives of others around you. Select a handful and pour yourself into them.

Remember: *The same time you waste on losers is that which could be invested with winners.*

5

The Mentor Will Warn The ProtÉGÉ of Enemies And Wrong People

The Mentor Discerns Enemies Quicker Than The Protégé.

The Protégé has not experienced battle or warfare. A mother can quickly discern a wrong playmate for her child; the child does not discern this.

The Mentor *Warns* When He Anticipates An Enemy.

The Mentor Is A *Gatekeeper.*.. Warning To Gird Up Your Loins.

The Mentor Is The *Guard.*.. The *Fence.*.. The *Wall.*

The Mentor knows because they are a thousand experiences ahead.

If I have not had your experiences…I will not have your conclusions. If I have not heard what you have heard…I will not arrive at the same conclusion. If I have not seen what you have seen, my observations will be different. We will be in conflict.

Wrong Mentorship Can Paralyze Your Progress Toward Your Assignment. There will be those who make you feel you cannot hear from God except through them. Disconnect from controlling ministries.

When we stand before God, I personally believe there is going to be a most tragic revelation. Some we think are prophets of God have used a prophetic anointing that they could see things.

I am not saying they do not have the anointing, for His gifts are without repentance, which means His gifts will operate even through disobedient lives.

An unsaved piano player still has the ability to play the piano. There are gifts that are beyond me…I do not understand how they work.

I have known men in the past who did not live for God, who were not pure, but they had incredible gifts…prophecy, see visions and then literally charging money for a prophetic word.

It is true that in the Old Testament when someone wanted a word from the prophet, they brought a gift. It is true a gift is a sign of respect, but we have seen a *perversion.*

The Mentor will encourage the Protégé to listen to The Voice of God, not just himself. The True Mentor advises you but does not control you or keep you connected to him. He teaches you how to develop an addiction to God. A Mentor is a gift from God.

Beware of prejudiced teaching against The Holy Spirit. It could prevent the completion of your Assignment.

Any error regarding The Holy Spirit could sabotage the entire Mentorship of The Holy Spirit in your life. This could distort every experience and information entering your mind.

Run from error! Refuse to receive it into your mind or spirit. *Never negotiate with falsehood.*

4 Keys In Discerning Error

1. You Must Study The Word of God For Yourself. When you study truth, it will birth the recognition of error.

2. Refuse Conversation With Those Who Are Obsessed With Questions Instead of Solutions.

3. Enter The Secret Place And Listen To The Holy Spirit, Your Mentor. One hour with The Holy Spirit will transform your discerning ability.

4. Recognize That Truth Will Bring Joy And Great Liberty; Error Brings Bondage, Fear And Depression. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free," (John 8:32).

4 Facts About The Spirit of Error

- Error Enters Your Life Through A Person.
- Error Enters Your Life During A Season of Great Need.
- Error Enters Your Life To Distract You.
- Error Increases Agitation, Frustration And Fear.

While in prayer, The Holy Spirit revealed a powerful truth to me: *It is impossible to understand error. You have to be perverted to accept the perversion.* "For the vile person will speak villany, and his heart will work iniquity, to practice hypocrisy, and to utter error against the Lord, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and He will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail," (Isaiah 32:6).

Jesus alone is Truth. When truth consumes you, error has no place within

you. The true standard to discern error is The Word of God.

Absorb His Word and His presence so often that when something contrary to The Holy Spirit enters, you will discern it *instantly.* "Lest satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices," (2 Corinthians 2:11).

The Mentor will warn the Protégé of enemies and wrong people. Your enemy is often discerned ahead of time by your Mentor. Jesus prepared Peter. "And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren," (Luke 22:31-32).

Mordecai was aware of Haman's evil plot against the Jews before Esther knew. "And Mordecai told him of all that had happened unto him, and of the sum of the money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the Jews, to destroy them," (Esther 4:7).

When God links you with someone, it will attract satanic attention and warfare…because multiplication begins with *two.*

Satan never showed up until Eve walked in. Not because she was a woman… multiplication could not begin until two were there. Two are better than one and a 3-fold cord cannot be easily broken. "Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works: Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words," (2 Timothy 4:14-15).

If you are the Protégé…you want a Mentor who warns you…who tells you when the wolf is close by in sheep's clothing. The Uncommon Protégé will *welcome* that kind of protection.

You know you have been given a father's heart when you want to warn those who are in danger of being harmed in any way. You want to guard them from believing a lie.

Wrong Mentorship Can Paralyze Your Progress Toward Your Assignment. Those who transfer knowledge are also capable of transferring error. One small Seed of error can destroy the lifelong ministry of a godly man. Anything sown into the soil of the human mind will grow. The mind does not referee what is right or wrong…it merely grows any Seed received into its soil.

Those Who Impart Knowledge Are Also Capable of Imparting Error. Test all teaching by the entire Word of God. "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ," (Colossians 2:8). Beware the Spirit of Domination. Reject the doctrines of men. (See Colossians 2:21-22.)

Avoid manipulation of controlling leaders. Important discipleship training

has often been tainted and distorted by controlling leaders and teachers. “Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ,” (Colossians 2:16-17).

Some months ago, a young lady decided to attend my Sunday services. Her home church was several hundred miles away. She had felt impressed of The Holy Spirit to come and receive more teaching on His companionship.

It created a furor in her home church. She was called in by the leaders of her church and interrogated *intensely.* She was informed that she could not attend another church unless her leaders had sat in services there *first.* They would not give her permission to attend. This may shock you, but it is happening in hundreds of churches across our nation.

It is not the spiritual *strength* of these controlling leaders that grants that position, but the *weaknesses* of saints who ignorantly follow them. “For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre’s sake,” (Titus 1:10-11). *Be careful of those who desire to make your decisions for you.*

Advisors *Advise.*

Leaders *Lead.*

Counselors *Counsel.*

Controllers *Control.*

Tyrants *Terrorize.*

What To Do When The Mentor-Protégé Relationship Is Threatened. Satan despises unity and fears the Law of Agreement. He will invest everything to destroy the transference of Wisdom.

Unwillingness to sit under the Mentorship of a proven man of God is a devastating revelation of potential failure.

Mentors are heartbroken when a worthy Protégé withdraws. I am certain Paul was heartbroken over Demas forsaking him.

The father was heartbroken at the departure of the prodigal son. Jesus wept over Jerusalem. (Read Matthew 23.)

Remember these truths when a Protégé withdraws:

- You cannot force someone to learn from you. Jesus himself could not and neither can you.
- There is usually a third party that destroys the unity between the Mentor

and the Protégé. Unless the Protégé opens his heart about it, you cannot correct it.

- You cannot answer questions the Protégé refuses to ask.
- You cannot help anyone who feels you are unqualified to bring increase into their life.
- Protégés withdraw when they believe their own goals are superior to the goals of the Mentor.
- Protégés become discouraged by the Mentor's expressed disappointment in them.
- When the counsel of the Mentor is *rejected*, God will correct them through *painful* experiences.

The Uncommon Mentor Will Provide A Climate For Asking For Help. I think it is important to create a non-judgmental atmosphere. I try very hard to do that …*it is not easy.* Especially when I see someone making a mistake…something in me just wants to stop them.

I believe that you can grow Greatness inside you. You can grow *weakness.*.. or *strength.* I believe that everything evil can grow in you or everything righteous can grow also.

We are talking about the *benefits* of Mentorship…the rewards of Mentorship. It is important to listen to the Mentors God places in your life.

Vulnerability creates the unbreakable bond between the Mentor and the Protégé.

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Your Future Is Decided By Who You Choose To Believe

The Teaching of Yesterday Created Your Today.

It is going to take new teaching today to take you into your future. You are drawing from the well of yesterday and you are living proof of what you have decided to believe. What you do habitually is the real you*…you have to live with the consequences of your belief system.*

Doubt Produces As Much As Faith, Instead of A Dream It Produces A Disaster. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father," (John 14:12).

Your words carry influence inside you. If you say what is in your heart, it will occur. "But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach," (Romans 10:8). You cannot afford to walk in doubt or speak words of unbelief.

Recognition of an Uncommon Mentor will create an inner contentment no other achievement can produce in your life. You are drawing from the well of yesterday. It will take fresh manna for your future. You are living proof of what you decided to believe. You will live with the consequences of your own decisions.

Recognize messengers from God. When God Wants To Bless You, He Puts A Person In Your Life; When Satan Wants To Destroy You, He Puts A Person In Your Life. God carefully documents your reaction to a man or woman of God.

When God talks to you, it is often through spiritual leaders in your life. Do not ignore them. Learn from their *mistakes,* their *successes,* their *lives.* You are destined for greatness. *Talk it. Believe it. Live it.*

Consult the Mentor most likely to build your faith. Your Mentor can be a bottleneck or a bridge to your dream. He can stifle or stimulate.

The Ability To Know Does Not Qualify You For Mentorship; The Ability To Sow Qualifies You For Mentorship. Achievements do not qualify you to be a

Mentor; Relationship qualifies you for Mentorship.

12 Facts About Uncommon Mentors

1. An Uncommon Mentor Is The Master Key To The Success of A Protégé. "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get Wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding," (Proverbs 4:7).

2. An Uncommon Mentor Transfers Wisdom Through Relationships. "And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of Wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the Lord commanded Moses," (Deuteronomy 34:9).

3. An Uncommon Mentor Guarantees Your Promotion. "Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her," (Proverbs 4:8).

4. An Uncommon Mentor Can Determine Your Wealth. "Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness," (Proverbs 8:18).

5. An Uncommon Mentor Can Paralyze Your Enemies Against You. "For I will give you a mouth and Wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist," (Luke 21:15).

6. An Uncommon Mentor Can Cause Influential People To Listen To You. "And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of Wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the Lord commanded Moses," (Deuteronomy 34:9).

7. An Uncommon Mentor Will Require Your Pursuit. Elijah never pursued Elisha. Elisha desired what was in Elijah.

8. An Uncommon Mentor Is More Interested In Your Success Than Your Affection. His focus is not the celebration of you, but the correction of you.

9. An Uncommon Mentor Is Not Necessarily Your Best Friend.

Your Best friend loves you the way you are.

Your Mentor loves you too much to leave you the way you are.

Your Best Friend is comfortable with your past.

Your Mentor is comfortable with your future.

Your Best Friend ignores your weakness.

Your Mentor removes your weakness.

Your Best Friend is your cheerleader.

Your Mentor is your coach.

Your Best Friend sees what you do right.

Your Mentor sees what you do wrong.

10. An Uncommon Mentor Sees Things You Cannot See. He sees weaknesses in you before you experience the pain of them. He sees an enemy before you discern the enemy. He has already experienced the pain of a problem you are about to create.

11. An Uncommon Mentor Will Become An Enemy To The Enemy of His Protégé. An Uncommon Mentor will fight against any *philosophy, pitfalls,* or *prejudices* that would rob the Protégé of experiencing complete success in his life.

12. An Uncommon Mentor Can Create An Uncommon Protégé. Jesus took Peter, a fisherman, and turned him into a master preacher. *An Uncommon Future Will Require An Uncommon Mentor.*

When You Protect Your Mentor, God Will Send Protégés To Protect You. One of the most fascinating stories in the Bible is the story of David and Bathsheba. David was supposed to be stoned by Israel for his sin with Bathsheba …*it was the law.*

David had Bathsheba's husband Uriah killed… murdered by Joab his head general. David sent Joab a note in battle and said, "I want Uriah killed." Then David took Bathsheba to be his wife …*he was supposed to be stoned!*

Why wasn't he stoned? *Nobody knew about it.* The Bible has been written since…nobody in Israel but Joab and the prophet knew about this sin of David.

Why did God cover up the sin for David? Is He a respecter of persons? No, He abides by His laws. "Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free," (Ephesians 6:8).

What You Make Happen For Others, God Will Make Happen For You. Long before, Saul was lying asleep in the cave…when David had every right and opportunity to destroy the life of Saul…he simply cut off part of his robe. David *protected* the Mentor before him.

That was a kind of loyalty…*to cover…* it was not that he was trying to justify…David could have wreaked havoc in Israel, but he had the character of God…honoring those in authority over him.

He said, "Saul is King and *still* has God's touch on his life."

There has been great defiance in the church as we have seen men of God fall…we have seen their humanity…their mistakes and flaws. Those who are *mature, brilliant* and *wise…will protect.*

I look back and recall growing up in our home. My mother and daddy would not let us discuss the flaws of others around the dining room table. I now realize they did not want to stop the good influence of somebody who might have some scars.

As kids we might think of someone as a great person and say how much we loved them. Had my mother said "Let me tell you something about him," his influence would have been *neutralized…affected* and *stopped.*

When you know that your Mentor has made a mistake…what do you do? Same thing Joshua did… go to God…same thing Samuel did…hear from God. Do not correct an elder. There is a place for correction.

The best way I know is to go to someone who has done something wrong and say, "I know this happened and I was wondering if you could elaborate more on it…I am having a problem with it. Would you give me some additional information about it?"

I love what Timothy Stokes says, *"I must destroy anything in me that stops others from seeing the God-part in me."*

Recognition of an Uncommon Protégé will create an inner contentment no other achievement can produce for a Mentor.

Protégés are assigned to learn from you. They will not find anywhere what God has placed within you for them.

The common Protégé wants to know how to get something…the Uncommon Protégé wants to know how to become what you are. Many people want what you have without doing what you did to get it.

A Protégé Is An Obedient Learner. Jesus took 12 Protégés and revolutionized the world. It is very important that you recognize those connected to you by The Holy Spirit for the multiplying and perpetuation of your success and life.

You will only remember what you teach another. Our children should become our Protégés.

Passive Protégés only reach when it is convenient or when their personal efforts do not produce their desired result. They subconsciously expect their Mentor to produce success for them.

Parasite Protégés pursue for credibility, not correction. They want what the Mentor has *earned*, not what he has *learned*. They want reputation *without* preparation.

Prodigal Protégés enter and exit the relationship freely. When serious correction occurs, they move toward another Mentor who has not yet discovered their flaws.

They distance themselves when their Mentor encounters personal difficulties, loss of credibility or false accusation or persecution. They only return when their own pigpen becomes unbearable.

Productive Protégés are uncommon. They have a servant's heart. They never make a major decision without the counsel and feedback of their Mentor. *They view their Mentor as a dominant gift from God.* They love their Mentor as much as themselves.

The *Uncommon* Protégé assigned by God will honor the Mentor. "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake," (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13).

7 Facts You Should Know About Protégés

1. Protégés Are Those Who Will Experience Their Greatest Discoveries While With Their Mentor.

2. Your Children Should Become Your Protégés.

3. There Are Various Types of Protégés, Just Like There Are Different Types of Mentors.

4. There Are Productive Protégés And There Are Parasite Protégés.

5. The Uncommon Protégé Is The Student Who Receives You Continuously, Persistently And Thankfully.

6. The Uncommon Protégé Listens, Obeys And Completes Your Instructions.

7. A Parasite Protégé Reaches For You Only During Crisis, Loss or Lack. They will not necessarily follow your instructions consistently. They simply want promotion, not correction. They only associate to gain credibility through the influence of the Mentor.

The Mentorship and Protégé relationship is not decided by you, it is discovered by you. I do not think you *decide* to be somebody's Protégé. It is something that God begins to let you discern …*this is of God.*

Focus Qualifies People For Relationships. Are they looking at the same thing I love to look at? Are they hearing the same things I love to hear? Loving the same things qualifies one for relationship.

Fellowship Means…

- *Eyes seeing the same thing.*

- *Ears hearing the same thing.*
- *Mouths speaking the same thing.*
- *Feet walking the same direction.*
- *Backs bearing the same burden.*
- *Minds thinking the same thoughts.*
- *Hearts having the same passion.*

Two people cannot look in opposite directions and arrive at the same conclusions. You have to have the same experiences and focus.

Those who spent time with Jesus and received His ministry had access to Him so much that He would spend the night in their home. Others He did not give His time. Why? They had a different focus.

4 Qualities of Wise Associations.

1. Those Who Speak Words That Build Your Faith And Confidence.

2. Those Who See The Worthiness of Your God-Given Goals.

3. Those Who Become Enthusiastic When You Enter Their Presence.

4. Those Who Remind You of Your Special Gifts And Abilities.

Paul, the most Uncommon Mentor to ministers, encouraged personal reading and study. “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth,” (2 Timothy 2:15).

Become more selective with whom you give your time. You must choose the level of mentality that you want to live. Mentor someone daily. Jesus did. “And He taught daily in the temple,” (Luke 19:47).

RECOMMENDED INVESTMENTS:
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The First Step Toward Success Is The Willingness To Listen

The Proof of Humility Is The Willingness To Reach.

Your relationships control the success of your Assignment. You cannot succeed alone. That is why every relationship in your life should be clearly defined and clearly understood. I do not think you qualify for what someone has until you are willing to reach. Your willingness to reach births the ability to change.

Each relationship is comfortable with your present or compatible with your future. Some relationships multiply your Wisdom. “He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed,” (Proverbs 13:20).

Why should you have Mentors? The Bible says in the multitude of counsel, there is Wisdom. Who is speaking into your life?

The distance from where you are, from where you long to be, can be spanned with one Mentor. You are one person away from the throne. All it takes is *one right person.*

There is a law there…a lesson. There is a reason you are not in your palace…palace meaning any place of blessing you long to be. It can be finances, health, restoration of a relationship, maybe a job or business you long to own.

A Mentor is a golden link from the pit to the palace. Absorb that information…somebody close to you knows the secrets of your future. You may know the secrets of how you got to where you are…but there is a reason you are not where you want to be.

A Mentor is a bridge to your palace. Take time to ask yourself, “Why am I not in that place? Your relationship with your Mentor has everything to do with your *dreams,* your *goals,* your place of blessing.

Elijah was a Mentor to Elisha.

Moses was a Mentor to Joshua.

Naomi was a Mentor to Ruth.

Mordecai was a Mentor to Esther.

Paul was a Mentor to Timothy

Samuel was a Mentor to David.

Hannah and Eli Mentored Samuel.

Those Who Ask The Questions, Determine The Quality of The Conversation. Jesus was asking questions in the temple at 12 years of age. Here is the Uncommon Protégé…the *normal* 12 year old is going to tell you about *his* life. This one is asking about *your* life.

One time a young Protégé was with me in the presence of a great pastor sharing a lot of things. When the pastor stepped out for a few moments, I said to him, "Son, did this man ask your advice for anything?" He said, "Oh…no."

I said, "This pastor has accomplished 10 times more than you will probably do in the next 20 years. By the time he gets back, I want you to think of 3 significant questions to ask him."

There are wells around you…*gold mines of information.*… but if you do not *ask* the right questions…you will not get the right answers.

Questions determine the answers you get in life. You have to ask the questions. Knowledge will not automatically flow towards you. You must pursue and extract the Wisdom of God from Mentors He places in your life.

The First Step Toward Success Is The Willingness To Listen.

Listen…listen…listen. While listening, ask questions.

What knowledge is close to you that you have not yet pursued? Who are the people you have Access to today who possess something you *need, desire* or *respect?* Drop your bucket in the Well of the Present and draw out water *continuously.*

When you are with a lawyer, ask him which 3 most important things he feels you should know about laws.

When you are visiting a Realtor, ask him the 3 most important characteristics of buying and selling a house.

When you are with your pastor, ask him the 3 most important daily habits necessary for birthing a powerful, relationship with God.

Ask your Mentor which 5 books he recommends for your life. Golden Connections are created ahead of time. You must exhaust the benefits of the present before God will promote you into your next season. Something of value in your Mentor is needed in your life.

Are you wise? Are you a fool? It is easy to recognize. Take a moment and write down the top 7 Mentors who are *qualified* to bring the gift of correction into your life.

The Uncommon Mentor Does Not Try To Teach Everything At One Time. Jesus spent 3 and one-half years teaching the disciples. While taking tennis lessons I asked the tennis pro, "so I have it down now…Am I doing it right?"

He said, "Well one thing is right, there are several more things to learn but we will get to it in the coming weeks." I said, "Well, tell me everything I am doing wrong!" He said, "No, I will just tell you what you are doing wrong…one thing at a time."

Correction Is As Necessary As Comfort. Cheerleaders are wonderful, but coaches win games. Every achiever knows that.

Ruth obeyed Naomi and reached for Boaz.

Esther obeyed Mordecai and approached the king.

Elisha respected Elijah and followed him for the double.

One of my biggest mistakes is when I see 10 things wrong; I want to tell them all their mistakes at the same time. That would be like trying to comb your hair, put on your shoes and brush your teeth all at the same time. You cannot do it.

There Is Something Others Know That You Do Not Know. You have to take the time to extract it from them. Have you ever said, "Boy, I wish I had known that, why didn't you tell me?"

It is the questions that determine the answers that come into your life. Only the questions…it is not your need. Thousands of people have needs but it is the questions you are willing to ask…learning how to ask the right questions…that makes the difference. *You need a Mentor in your life.* It is *important* to be Mentored.

Jesus sought knowledge. He pursued the teachers of His day. "And it came to pass, that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions," (Luke 2:46).

You Will Usually Have More Than One Mentor In Your Life. Financial, spiritual and academic Mentors exist everywhere.

Many different kinds of Mentorship exist. Some of us are Mentored through tapes, books and relationships. I encourage you to continue to increase your knowledge through various ways.

8 Tips In Receiving Daily Mentorship Through Tapes

1. Respect Mentors. Mentors are those who know something you do not know, have been where you want to go, and have done something significant that you would like to accomplish.

2. Recognize That Mentorship Can Take Place Any Moment of The Day. Plan for such moments…while dressing for the day or cleaning your room.

3. Listen To The Same Tape Repeatedly, You Will Often Miss Important Information The First Time, Listen Again. When you hear something vital, stop the tape and replay.

4. Keep Notes On Each Tape. Write down memorable keys in a special notebook (I call mine, "The Wisdom Encyclopedia.")

5. Picture The Truths As You Listen. Visualization is a powerful way to internalize something that you are hearing.

6. Talk To Others Daily About The Secrets You Are Learning.

7. Keep The Mentorship Tapes In Front of You On A Shelf. Take advantage of each spare moment and have them accessible.

8. Listen To A Variety of Speakers. Do not limit yourself to one school of thought. Listen to executives, motivational speakers, missionaries, pastors and evangelists. Every person has a different view and, experienced a variety of events in their lives. Learn from many.

The Holy Spirit used 40 different authors over a 1,600-year period to document the Scriptures. Each author was inspired to focus on something different… for a reason. Listen daily to Wisdom tapes. It could stop a thousand heartaches and birth your greatest dreams.

Attend Negotiation Seminars, listen to tapes… secure the counsel of qualified Mentors before doing any serious negotiation

Ruth listened to the advice of Naomi. Esther listened to Mordecai. David sat at the feet of Samuel. Joshua received instructions from Moses. Timothy was Mentored by Paul. Elisha ran to stay in the presence of Elijah.

Your position as Protégé is to learn: your Mentor will only answer the questions you ask.

The Quality of The Protégé Is Revealed By The Quality of The Questions He Asks.

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The Uncommon ProtÉGÉ Knows That His Mentor May Be Ignorant In An Area That He Has Learned

Everything You Know Will Come Through A Mentorship…By Experience or A Person.

Your Mentors are not perfect people. They simply have experienced life and are capable of transferring that knowledge to you.

You need a collection of Mentors in your life… people to teach you what you do not know. You need Mentors in the area of finances.

My mother could never Mentor me about money, because she did not have money. But she could Mentor me in raising my son, because she had 7 children.

My banker may not be able to discuss children with me…he can discuss finances with me. *You need people to teach you what you do not know.*

The Uncommon Mentor Has Something The Protégé Does Not Have So He Knows Something The Protégé Does Not Know. My father knows something I do not know. He sees something I do not see. I have enough sense to know if he *repeats* a truth, there is a *reason* he is repeating it. It *needs* to be repeated.

In the Mentorship relationship you will have to *take correction*, spoken or unspoken, felt or unfelt. The purpose of Mentorship is to *salvage you* and *eliminate* days of hardship…days of tears…eliminate experiences that cause long-term sorrow. *Mentorship Is Wisdom Without The Pain.*

If someone tells me that I am their Mentor and they never come to conferences or purchase my books, I know they are not really my Protégé. They can be a friend, but they are not a Protégé.

The only difference in people is information. “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children,” (Hosea 4:6).

I never tire of this story: The old lawyer took the young lawyer to lunch. The old lawyer had just walked back to his office, not saying much but with his arm draped around the young lawyer's shoulders.

The young lawyer was so upset afterwards… thinking, "He could have given me some cases, now I guess I will just starve."

But he gave him something far more important than cases…the old lawyer had given him *credibility.*

When the people watching them had seen the old legendary lawyer bonding with the young lawyer they thought, "He must see a future in him…he is pouring himself into him! Let's get him early while he is cheap…later on he will be 4 times the price!" The next day the phone began to ring…he began to get case after case for his business.

Your Mentor may not give you what you want in a specific crisis but do not throw him out. Stay steady.

Mentors often see the future of their Protégés years in advance. *Your ability to trust their word from God for you…can be the difference between remarkable success and total failure.*

You will have to trust somebody. It is true that you cannot trust everyone. But when God determines to bless you, He will place someone close to you with an *instruction,* an *encouragement,* or a *warning* that will greatly influence your life.

The Uncommon Protégé Knows That His Mentor May Be Ignorant In An Area That He Has Learned.

I am a Protégé of my father, but there are many things that my father knows nothing about. My father is not in my life for me to teach…he is there for me to learn from. He may learn through me but that is not the dominant purpose of the relationship.

I believe God put my father in my life to show me obsession for His presence…an obsession to please God. My father does not have any interest in how to build a big church. I might go to a Tommy Barnett School for that type of Mentorship.

You must discover what the impartation from each Mentor is. The reason this is important is because you may have someone who can teach you finances but know nothing about relationships.

There are many things that my father says at times that I would like to say something to counteract and say what I think. I may have a different opinion, but he is my Mentor. I respect and honor that.

If you do not define what the Protégé is pursuing you for, you will have a

distorted view of your worth and value.

It is a tragic day when a teenager feels their opinion has the same value as their mother. It does not have the same value…no more than my opinions have the same value as the opinions of Jesus. We all have opinions…and those opinions belong in submission to the person in authority and responsible for you.

Now the day the child is buying your house and paying for your food…your car and your clothes…they may have some authorization. They can express their feelings in a respectable manner.

Never give financial aid where they refuse financial Wisdom. You never see the poor asking for Mentorship. You see them asking for possessions.

There have been many children who never call their parents until they cannot pay their electric bill. I have talked to the Lord and said, "Oh I do not want to be one of those…that crisis has to be used constantly to help me learn. I want to know what The Holy Spirit wants me to know…learn and feel."

The Uncommon Protégé knows that the Mentor is not always correct. Do not hesitate to challenge your Mentor…even inside your heart. You can be kind and courteous about it. Integrity welcomes scrutiny. *Character welcomes confrontation.*

If you think your Mentor is wrong, go to him and say, "Explain further, I do not understand why you said this…I need more explanation." Do not go behind your Mentor and say to others, "I do not agree with that." Go to him and ask why he said what he said. What did he see that he did not mention? Sometimes a Mentor will only give you a piece of an answer …*assuming* you know the rest of the story.

Moses sent 12 of the greatest men he had from the tribes to spy out the land. They were not the losers…but the *leaders.* Ten came back saying the giants are too big for us to take. Joshua and Caleb came back talking about grapes.

Moses did not immediately welcome the insights…the observation and the conclusions of Joshua and Caleb. There was a lot of whining going on and finally Joshua was tearing his clothes and begging Moses to adopt and answer the report. Moses did not…Moses made the biggest mistake of his life. Joshua had to watch his Mentor make a wrong choice. He was willing to accept a flawed Mentor.

If there is a Mentor in your life…you do not want to just be celebrated…you want correction. I do not want a great minister of God to say, "Oh Mike that is just great!" I want him to tell me where I am wrong… telling me what I need to say or do differently.

The Purpose of A Mentor Is To Save You From Pain. Mentorship is sitting at the feet of The Holy Spirit and sitting at the feet of those He has ordained for our lives.

When someone says they are saved…they mean they are out of the danger of the wrath of God. That is the purpose of your mother's teaching is to save you tears…time…money…save you heartache.

You may have someone who will teach you about Divine healing but knows nothing about the constancy of The Holy Spirit.

Define The Impartation…

- What Does This Person Bring Into My Life?
- What Happens In Me When I Am Around This Mentor?
- What Subsides In Me When I Am In Their Presence?
- What Is Magnified When I Am In Their Presence?

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Your Mentor Is The Door Into Your Future; The Exit From Your Past

True Mentorship Is Not An Experience…It Is A Process.

A Mentor is a serious teacher who spends more time with his student than he does with his information.

- A Teacher Knows.
- A Mentor Sows.

Your Mentor is God's protection system. He is the key to your promotions. Write down the names of those who have Mentored you in the past…keep in touch…find a way to celebrate…show you value their Wisdom.

It is important for you to recognize those who have been assigned by God. I urge you to start thinking in two ways:

1. *I Want Mentorship.*

2. *I Need Mentorship.*

I want to be corrected when I am wrong. I want to be directed. I want pieces of information given to me whether I think to ask or not. Solomon said, "Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety," (Proverbs 11:14).

When you need healing, you need a *healer* in your life.

When you need increase, you need an *increaser* in your life.

When you need advice, you need an *advisor* in your life.

When you need deliverance, you need a *deliverer* in your life.

When you need to multiply, you need a *multiplier* in your life.

When you need teaching, you need a *teacher* in your life.

The Proof of Desire Is Pursuit.

Invest everything to spend time and moments with an Uncommon Mentor whom God has chosen to sow into your life.

Mentorship is staying close to your investment (Elijah and Elisha). To whom do you listen to the most? Who are you beginning to talk like in conversation?

Samuel came to visit and said to Jesse, “I want to anoint one of your boys for king. Where are your sons?”

Jesse called his sons out and Samuel said, “Are there more?”

Jesse said, “Well, I have a younger son, he is out tending the sheep.”

Samuel said, “Bring him in.”

The father did not discern the future of his son. His job was correcting his flaws. *Samuel* saw his future.

There Are 8 Differences Between A Father And A Mentor

1. The Father Sees Your Qualifications.

2. The Uncommon Mentor Sees Your Destination.

3. A Father Can See Your Present.

4. The Uncommon Mentor Can See Your Future.

5. A Father Sees Where You Are.

6. An Uncommon Mentor Sees Where You Are Going.

7. A Good Father Is Not Necessarily A Good Mentor.

8. A Good Mentor Is Not Necessarily A Good Father.

There are fathers who are good to their children…loving them, providing for them, yet Mentorship never enters their minds. It is my opinion that the more *correction* you have to give a child, the least *direction* you are giving them. They will have to learn through their mistakes.

The Mentor can underestimate the Protégé. I am intrigued that no one seemed to be aware of David’s victories. His father seemed to be unaware or else he just did not believe him. He did not believe the story about the bear that David killed or the lion. His brothers knew nothing about it or else chose not to believe it.

That brings me to another thought: The Protégé can have victories no one knows about. The Mentor may see the Protégé with the sheep. The Holy Spirit saw him with a lion. The Protégé can have victories no one knows about. That is very important for you to see. We often want everyone to see our good points… but a Mentor is not there to see your good points …*he is there for correction, not celebration.*

When I went to my mother and dad’s home in Louisiana everything was different…the opposite of the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Mother saves everything!

She remembers the depression. She comes to my house and says, “Oh son, I cannot stand to see you throw anything away.” It just grieves her. It is a whole different world.

Then I go to the home of some of my friends who are very blessed and prosperous…it is very different.

But I really need my mother’s edge. I need someone to harness that part of me. You must protect what you have been given…it is not enough to make money…you have to *protect* what God gave you…be a good steward over it.

However, if I stayed at my parent’s home for an extended time, I might lose sight of the dreams and goals God has given me. When I go back with other Mentors my excitement and imagination is *ignited.*

It is important that you do not confuse and misread the signals. When God uses one Mentor to bring you healing…do not assume that he can teach you how to raise a child.

You must carefully note what the impartation is from your Mentors…note what it is your Protégés are wanting from you.

What do they respect in you? What do they respond to? The Bible says a man who gives away a lot of gifts has a lot of friends but a poor man does not have anybody to like him.

For the rich man…they are there for the handout. And it is important that you define that for yourself. It does not mean that you will not help your child but when your daughter only calls when she is in financial need…it is important that you see…*this is what the Protégé sees in you.*

It is important to Mentor those close to you… teach what you know. Do not wait until a crisis arises to teach them.

Write down the top 12 topics of the most important things in your life and begin to Mentor one subject a month to those around you.

Some of the topics could be; *finances, goal-setting, character, integrity,* etc. In the process, you will link them to everything else.

The Uncommon Mentor May Provide A Reward For You In An Area That You Did Not Anticipate or Realize You Needed.

Mentorship has become very important to me…more than ever. I am learning for the first time what it means to sit at the feet of my father. I have spent many years trying to tell him what I am doing…what I would like to do…telling him my goals and my dreams.

You know if a child does not know the purpose of a hammer, he will abuse it.

If you do not know the purpose for something…its function, you will abuse it.

Let me tell you how I lost the value of Mentorship from my father. My father is an intercessor. He thinks in Heavenly terms…seldom talks about anything else.

When I was growing up having the big churches meant you were successful…having a small church meant you were not successful.

I just thought daddy did not know how to organize and build a congregation. In my day it was important to have big churches.

I have lived long enough to preach in the big churches, sit at the tables with the big pastors. Some committed suicide, some of them from the big churches… caught running off with the secretary.

My father at over 90 years old has never moved and my dad still carries the peace of God that passeth understanding.

While growing up it is difficult to see these things. It has taken me a long time…now I hang onto every word my father says. I wanted him to give me one gift and he gave me a different gift *I did not know I needed.*

My father has been an Uncommon Mentor.

The Uncommon Mentor Has A Need For Others To Be Close To Them. Jesus allowed two kinds of people close to Him: *those who ministered to Him and those who embraced His ministry to them.*

This is two simple things yet explosive: There are two kinds of people you need to permit in your life:

- Those Who Minister To You.
- Those Who Welcome Your Ministry To Them.

If you are sitting at a supper table and your words have no value at that table, people do not embrace what you say, they do not celebrate what you say, your opinion has no value and what they are saying does not minister to you…you have no business in relationship with them.

If you read the Pauline epistles, there were references to withdraw yourself from these kinds of people. Paul was a people person. “Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry,” (2 Timothy 4:11).

The Uncommon Mentor Is Energized By The Success of The Protégé. He is not jealous of the success…he is excited and energized, ecstatic every time there is a success in the life of the Protégé. Elijah wasn’t jealous over Elisha wanting

the double portion, he left him instructions on how to receive what he had.

The Uncommon Mentor Will Defend The Protégé, Privately And Publicly. In the book of Mark there are fascinating Scriptures. Jesus strongly corrects the disciples…then He says now "*Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel."*

If there is ever a puzzling moment in the life of Christ this is the place I cannot grasp…I do not understand at all.

But I see this truth: A person that is trying to learn is a thousand times better than a person that *thinks* he has learned. Even in the privacy of their life when Jesus sees their flaws…their imperfections…He sends them out among the people to bring the message.

The Uncommon Mentor Is Not Perfect or He Could Not Tolerate The Imperfections of The Protégé. If your Mentor was perfect, he could not stand your presence.

It was not a flawed father who created a prodigal son—it was a flawed son who created the prodigal.

It was not a flawed Mentor in Paul that caused Demas to leave…it was wrong desires growing in Demas.

Elijah did not decide the longevity of the relationship with Elisha. Elisha's craving for what Elijah had maintained the relationship.

The Uncommon Mentor Knows That The Protégé Determines The Quality of The Relationship. It is not the Mentor who determines the quality of the relationship…it is the Protégé.

Your Protégés will leave you when they find something else more desirable than what you have. That does not mean what you have is not worthy…it means another photograph has crossed their path…because *what you see births what you desire.*

RECOMMENDED INVESTMENT:
Dream Seeds (Book/B-11/106 Pages)

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An Uncommon Mentor Needs ProtÉGÉS For Exchange… Impartation

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When you have Seed, you need soil. When you are water, you need ground to fall on. There is a craving in us to share with someone who desires to learn.

If you do not know the purpose of Mentorship, the purpose of a Mentor, you will forfeit a Mentorship. You will abuse it. You will lose it. You will lose thousands of marvelous secret truths that could revolutionize your life. Jesus did not spend a lot of time with the Pharisees. They were interested in *argument* instead of *information.*

As a pastor you want people to come to your church because of the impartation…what is given is something that *changes* them. You have to feel that God links you to somebody. That is what keeps people involved in a church.

Jesus spent more time with His 12 disciples than He did with the multitudes. He spent 20 percent of His time with the masses, 80 percent with Protégés. It is important to leave more than what we entered with.

In every group there is a priesthood of Judas Iscariot. They follow for different reasons…one wants a *job.*.. one wants *Access.*.. one wants to be *helped.*.. one wants the *Anointing.*

To be a successful Mentor, you must discern the difference between the multitudes and the disciples. A hireling says I want to be paid. A servant says I want to be taught.

Discern the spiritual Mentor that most increases your love for God. Do not attend a church just because of convenience, or because the preacher is a “nice guy.”

Listen to God. Where does He want you to be? Invest a little time and research in finding the right church. Then be loyal …*100 percent* behind that church, its activities and your pastor.

Many have lost valuable years of Mentorship because of the unwillingness to take correction from their pastor. They move from church to church looking for a "fresh" and new experience through a different man or woman of God.

Stability has rewards beyond explanation. "Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe His prophets, so shall ye prosper," (2 Chronicles 20:20).

Cultivate a *teachable* spirit. Willingness to change is not necessarily a compromise of principles. *Flexibility* and *openness* for truth are evidence you are uncommon. "A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels," (Proverbs 1:5).

You will never receive the spirit of your leader until you seek and see him as a father…instead of your equal. You must have the spirit of a son or daughter.

Vashti, the queen did not want to dance for the king and his friends. He got mad, depressed and his advisor said, "If all the women of the country hear that she has sneered at your request we will have havoc in our nation…banish her!" He did. He banished her from the palace.

When Esther, the most gorgeous woman in the world, was chosen by the king, the eunuch spoke into Esther's ear the kings likes and dislikes. He was the closest confidante to the king, who heard him daily articulate his preferences in women.

Esther was quite aware the former queen did not make it. She also had enough sense to listen to the Mentor, the eunuch. Why do I tell you all of that?

Somebody is close to you who could make a profound difference in how long you stay in the place of blessing. Just because you got to the place of blessing does not mean you are going to stay there.

Esther got to the palace *because of a Mentor.* Just like it took a Mentor to get Esther to the palace…it took a Mentor to keep her there. "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get Wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding," (Proverbs 4:7).

The Uncommon Mentor May Be Limited By His Memories While His Protégé Is Motivated By His Imagination. One of the disadvantages of experience is that your memories can numb and neutralize your imagination.

Your Memory Replays Your Past; Your Imagination Pre-plays Your Future. Both are necessary in your life. Do not let a painful memory rob you of your imagination. God has many ways to deal with the pain of your past.

I have a tendency to retrieve a memory so that I can appropriately behave properly in my present. Sometimes this is a disadvantage. Sometimes we

remember a failure…a wound…pain and we go into our future with our *shield.*

I will give you another example: Saul was a Mentor. He was the king, an incredibly *brilliant* general. David's older brothers were *experienced* soldiers. They were *slaves* to their *memories.* "Nobody has ever beaten a man like this. There has never been a giant like Goliath!"

David shows up without a memory of a giant. But his imagination has been fueled by his experience with a lion. He is so flexible…the weaponry with the lion is different than with the giant…but his faith says, "God can do anything."

One of the advantages of keeping Protégés close is they can see things you as a Mentor cannot see. You can see things they cannot see, but the Protégé has an imagination to propel them forward.

The Uncommon Mentor sometimes loses out on incredible miracles because he plans his future on his past experiences. We link memories and create a philosophy. You must have both; *memory* and *imagination.* Your imagination is pre-play…your memory is replay.

The Uncommon Protégé celebrates the discoveries…opinions and listens to the fears of the Mentor. Paul said…"I am afraid for you…you were doing well… you stopped listening to me."

Your Protégés have fears…what are they?

Your Mentors have fears…what are they?

In searching for a mate, think twice if you do not admire and respect the Mentor at whose feet they sit. Their Mentor is feeding either their strength or a weakness. If you oppose their Mentor, a happy marriage is *impossible.*

I watched a young Protégé having incredible success and a little concern was in me because I saw him losing sight of his daily habits…everything was geared for his future…neglecting his marriage, and I feared for him. I gave warning as his Mentor… expressed my concerns…my fears. *The Uncommon Protégé knows that correction is not fatal, it is vital.*

The purpose of the Mentor is for correction and direction. Mentors are not necessarily cheerleaders. They are coaches. Your Mentor does not always focus on your good qualities.

Their *role* is not merely to confirm what you are doing correctly. Their *goal* is to correct you and prevent you from making a mistake.

Mentorship Is Success Without The Wait. Knowledge is exploding all around us. Uncommon men of God are sharing with us their expertise on *faith, financial blessings* and the *power* of God. They are teaching us the principles of success for marriage, purity and every part of our lives.

RECOMMENDED INVESTMENTS:

The Assignment (The Dream & The Destiny, Volume 1) (Book/B-74/164 Pages)
The Mentor's Manna on Assignment (Book/B-76/32 Pages)

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The Uncommon Mentor Will Let You Fail

The Uncommon Mentor Understands That Pain Will Get The Attention of The Protégé.

The Uncommon Mentor knows a lazy Protégé will move when the pain increases.

I have never understood why you could let somebody make a mistake and never speak up until I found out that there are some people you cannot help.

- You Cannot Help Anybody Who Thinks They Do Not Have A Problem.
- You Cannot Help Anyone Who Thinks You Are Their Problem.
- You Cannot Help Anyone Who Refuses To Embrace The Scriptural Solution To Their Problem.

I will never forget one day I was mouthing off to daddy, probably 6 or 7 years ago. I was upset because God had not answered a particular prayer. While I whined…my father sat there munching quietly on his cereal.

Finally, when I got through ranting and raving, he said, "Well, if obedience has not helped you…try rebellion and see what happens." It seemed like he was not going to lose a lot of sleep over the pain I would experience through rebellion.

He was convinced that if I would not listen to him, I would listen to pain. He was going to go on with his life.

There are several qualities about my Mentor that I have valued and they are becoming more valuable to me all the time.

My father has a great reliance on the sovereignty of God…meaning God is doing what He wants to do… on His schedule. He listens to others and advises them but he *knows* that their problem is not his problem. That is their problem.

He has a message called, "Let Patience Take The Stress Off Your Faith." Let patience take the pressure off. Learn to wait in the presence of God…just

waiting on God. Now, you will not enjoy waiting…if His presence is upsetting you…frustrating you. You love to wait…if His presence is there…you are in His presence, walking in His presence.

A lot of people think that my father is like a hermit. No, he just found something more valuable in the presence of God. He stays there long enough to hear from God.

One of the things he teaches, not in this way…I just reword it: *Stay in The Secret Place long enough to create a memory or you will not go back.* If you just stay there long enough to feel empty…you will go past this feeling*…and you will experience His presence.*

The longer you are in the presence of God, *conviction* comes, *exposure* comes and *agitation* comes. *The self-man has to die…* it is going through a killing…a dying process.

When you get in the presence of The Holy Spirit, your self-man does not come alive and say, "Oh, I love this." *Your self-man wants to leave.*

Your self-man says, "You can talk to Him while we are traveling. You can talk to Him while we are at the store. You can talk to Him in the car." Your self-man says, "I know you want to be in His presence. I do too, but there is a lot of things that need to be done."

You stay in His presence and that ole carnal man will begin to die. That is the reason for an altar. *There is an altar.* The carnal man is *dying…* he is dying. Then the spirit man comes alive in His presence and there is no comparable joy on earth…none. Your pain is as scheduled as your Mentor was.

The Uncommon Mentor Will Let You Fail.

My father will watch me fail. Though he may not be able to teach me, he knows my pain will teach me. *If a man is really a Mentor…he will treasure accuracy above your approval.*

It describes why the father of the prodigal son did not race down the road, throw him down, grab his heels and jerk him back home. The father of the prodigal son permitted him to fail. Let me encourage you to focus on this.

God will permit you to fail through your mistakes. Do not think for one moment that the sovereignty of God prevents your pain. Those who are not teachable schedule their pain.

An Uncommon Mentor Will Magnify The Desire For Greatness In The Uncommon Protégé. The Uncommon Mentor will make you want to maximize your life. Avoid those who are comfortable with you at your worst. They will increase it…give longevity to it. You need more than friends. Friends are

harbors. They also accommodate your weakness, which means they rarely change your weaknesses. You must have Mentors…who love you the way you are but too much to leave you the way you are.

When there is relationship between the Uncommon Mentor and the Uncommon Protégé, there is celebration of what the other has to offer. You must have Protégés who are *scrutinizing* you, *dissecting* you, *analyzing* you to look for flaws to sharpen you. That is why you need variation in your relationships.

The Uncommon Mentor Often Sees The Involvement of God In His Life Before The Protégé Sees It. Your Mentor sees the future more clearly than the Protégé sees his present. The Mentor will allow the Protégé to crash, does not want him to, and hopes he does not fail, tries to avoid it, but knows that some people only learn through pain.

You need a Mentor who can see more than your past…you need a Mentor who can see your future.

Your Mentor is not there to accommodate yesterday…justify, excuse or even explain yesterday. He is there to magnify the *appeal*, the *incentives*, the *potential* of your future.

The Uncommon Mentor Will Allow The Protégé To Speak The Word of God Back Into His Life. Protégés have *blessed* me, *corrected* me and *enlarged* me. Children can teach you.

Do not feel that Wisdom has to come from Solomon sitting on the throne. Wisdom is all around you. Sometimes God's best gifts arrive in brown paper sacks instead of silk. *Discern that.*

The Uncommon Mentor Is Affected Differently By The Mistakes of The Protégé Than The Protégé.

1. The Protégé Sees A Mistake As Failure.

2. The Uncommon Mentor Sees Failure…A School of Information.

3. The Protégé Sees His Failure As A Conclusion.

4. The Uncommon Mentor Sees His Failure As A Beginning.

5. The Uncommon Mentor Protects You From Duplicating Mistakes.

The Uncommon Mentor dreads to see the Protégé make the same mistakes. It is so unnecessary. I have said many times…I have made enough mistakes for all of us…you do not have to repeat mistakes.

The Uncommon Mentor Will Focus On Your Future Instead of Your Past. Your Mentor does not linger on yesterday…he is created for your future. You already have enemies dissecting your past. A Mentor wants to know where you

are going.

The Uncommon Mentor Is More Interested In Telling You The Truth Than To Have Your Approval. I like what Abraham Lincoln said, "If I am wrong, a thousand angels telling me I am right does not make me right, and if I am right, 10 thousand demons telling me I am wrong does not make me wrong."

Sometimes the greatest gift of the Mentor to the Protégé is *endorsement.* If the endorsement of the Mentor is not valued and treasured by the Protégé they are unqualified for any relationship.

I have been astonished at how little my influence was felt by somebody only to find them greatly influenced by someone negative.

What was wrong? They had received from someone who was telling them things they wanted to hear. They failed to receive my influence and advice. I was telling them something they did not want to hear.

You can predict a persons future by who they permit to influence them the most. Paul wrote, "Demas has left me having loved the things of this present world more than the things of God," (see 2 Timothy 4:10). Demas was a total failure because he permitted others to influence him more than the Apostle Paul.

Whoever has the ability to influence someone the most…is the prophecy of their future. You can discern the heart of another by whose influence they embrace willingly.

Intimacy with your Mentor forces an exposure of your heart…you will either get stronger toward God… or weakened and enter into a rebellion because of the force of integrity of The Holy Spirit.

RECOMMENDED INVESTMENT:
The Making of A Champion (Book/B-59/128 Pages)

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The Uncommon Mentor Understands Timing; When The ProtÉGÉ Is Capable of Receiving Information

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Have you ever been in a conversation with someone…very serious and someone comes in, “Hi, what’s happening…everybody looks like somebody’s dead?” That person has not been taught *timing.*

How do you develop a sense of timing? *Observation.* You observe who is present and *listen* to what is being spoken about …*listen.* “A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels,” (Proverbs 1:5).

Every decision you make will increase or decrease you. You are constantly making a decision. Every decision increases your understanding or decreases a blessing that would come into your life. Many times it is a *sense of timing* that makes the difference.

Decisions increase you financially. Your decisions increase you in every conceivable way spiritually. Your decisions bring you closer to something you want.

A decision is a bridge. That bridge is going somewhere. Your decision to read this book is a bridge. It brought you into the presence of God. It brought you into the presence of our Mentor The Holy Spirit who will reveal something to you that you have forgotten, something you have never known, or something vital to the next season of your life.

Submission is the willingness to embrace the leadership of those governing your life. “Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you,” (Hebrews 13:17).

Jesus said, “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come

upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth," (Acts 1:8). Jesus did not teach the disciples all He knew. They were not ready for it.

Abigail understood timing…that is what made her an Uncommon Woman. She did not discuss with Nabal, her fool husband, what she was going to do for David and his men when she fed them. There was *timing*. David was hungry, Abigail shows up with food.

She did not say, "David, maybe the Lord wants you to do some fasting." She knew *timing*.

Respect Guarantees Access. Esther did not amble into the palace and say, "King, I slept with you last night so you are going to listen to me today." She stood in the court waiting for him to ask her to come near to him. Intimacy does not guarantee access.

Esther did not have access to the King because she was intimate, the King responded to her because he respected her. Esther's sensitivity to *timing* brought her favor and into the presence of the King.

Remember, *The Difference Between Love And Respect: Love Is To Find Someone Desirable…Respect Is To Find Someone Important And Valuable.*

Naomi understood *timing.* She told Ruth "it is time for a man in your life. Go down to where Boaz is working…do not discuss anything while he is working… or talk to him while he is eating. There will be a time to talk to him."

One of the keys in life is to observe the focus of others before speaking. Do not enter into a conversation without knowing what the focus is…the topic of discussion.

There will be times when we share our hearts with the wrong people. Do not let a night of weakness create a lifetime of blindness.

Samson did…it is called *timing.* Do not discuss your weakness with those around you.

There is a time to share things in your heart. The Bible says, when Jesus answered Mary, "must I not be about my Fathers business?" (read Luke 4:29). She pondered those things in her heart. She knew time would reveal what interrogation could not.

In the spirit world…even in God relationships… it is important not to promote a novice ahead of time or to give someone undue responsibilities… something they are not prepared for …*timing is of the essence.* Sometimes we think, "Well, I will make them become more"…no, sometimes they are just not ready for the challenge.

The Uncommon Mentor does not demand loyalty but is willing to develop loyalty. You cannot demand loyalty. It must be sown…given. The Uncommon Protégé knows that endurance of the Mentor has qualified him to teach.

You will never receive someone until you can receive them in the spirit of a son or a daughter. The moment you become a competitor with a person…the impartation is arrested…it stops.

The moment you compete with someone the Mentorship stops. You have to receive someone in the spirit of a son or a daughter. The moment I look at someone who is Mentoring me as a rival, I lose something. When I bow in humility as a son…teach me…I posture as a learner. It is important that your children posture themselves as learners.

- The Protégé Receives…The Mentor Sows.
- The Protégé Absorbs…The Mentor Gives.

I have been a Protégé of my mother. I continue to be a Protégé of my father. I am also a Protégé of other men of God.

Now, if I ask my father to explain the stock market to me, that might not be the area he has chosen.

God has put something in him that he has put in no other …*something just for me.* God has combined it with a patience that he is able to discuss things with me he might not discuss with others.

It is not your role as a Protégé in the relationship with your Mentor to even get attention…your position is to learn.

Every one of us are Mentors and Protégés. There is very little true Mentorship. You do not have the right to say you are a true Protégé if you do not follow the instructions of the Mentor. If you make serious decisions without consulting your Mentor…you are not a true Protégé.

The Pursuit of The Mentor Reveals The Passion of The Protégé. The Wisdom of the Mentor is perpetuated through the Protégé. I believe true success will produce a Successor.

What is proof you are a Protégé? You obey the instructions of the Mentor. Very simple…you do what the Mentor says. You do not contradict him. You do not say, “I have a better idea.”

That is why Jesus would not spend a lot of time with Pharisees. They were not really interested in *information.* They were interested in *argument.*

The Protégé does not say, “What is my pay…What do I get out of it?” To the

true Mentorship-Protégé…money is not even a factor. It is the *impartation.*… that is the factor.

The Uncommon Protégé had rather be corrected by the Mentor than complimented by others. “Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips,” (Psalm 141:3).

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1. One Who Fought And Won.

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4. Those With Uncommon Skills And Gifts.

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The Mentor’s Manna on The Secret Place (Book/B-78/32 Pages)

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He is a noted author of over 300 books, including the best sellers, The Leadership Secrets of Jesus and Secrets of the Richest Man Who Ever Lived.

Thousands view his weekly television program, Wisdom Keys with Mike Murdock.

He is the founder of The Wisdom Center.



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Never Complain About What You Permit.

The Problem That Infuriates You The Most Is The Problem That God Has Assigned You To Solve.

Those Who Unlock Your Compassion Are Those To Whom You Have Been Assigned.

What You Are Willing To Walk Away From Determines What God Will Bring To You.

The Secret of Your Future Is Hidden In Your Daily Routine.

Your Rewards In Life Are Determined By The Problems You Solve For Others.

When You Want Something You Have Never Had, You Have Got To Do Something You Have Never Done.

All Men Fall... The Great Ones Get Back Up.

Intolerance of Your Present Creates Your Future.

Those Who Cannot Increase You Will Inevitably Decrease You.

You Will Never Leave Where You Are Until You Decide Where You Would Rather Be.

You Will Only Have Significant Success With Something That Is An Obsession.

Give Another What He Cannot Find Anywhere Else And He Will Keep Returning.

Your Assignment Is Not Your Decision But Your Discovery.

 *When Fatigue Walks In, Faith Walks Out.*

 *If What You Hold In Your Hand Is Not Enough To Be Your Harvest, Make It Your Seed.*

 *You Will Never Change What You Believe Until Your Belief System Cannot Produce Something You Want.*

 *You Will Only Be Pursued For The Problems You Solve.*

 *Champions Are Willing To Do Things They Hate To Create Something They Love.*

 *You Will Never Possess What You Are Unwilling To Pursue.*

 *The Only Reason Men Fail Is Broken Focus.*

 *Stop Looking At Where You Have Been, And Start Looking At Where You Can Be.*

 *You Will Only Be Remembered For Two Things: The Problems You Solve or The Ones You Create.*

 *Those Who Transfer Knowledge Are Also Capable of Transferring Error.*

 *Your Seed Is The Only Influence You Have Over Your Future.*

 *Loneliness Is Not The Absence of Affection, But The Absence of Direction.*

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 *False Accusation Is The Last Stage Before Supernatural Promotion.*

 *Your Seed Is A Photograph of Your Faith.*

 *What You Repeatedly Hear, You Will Eventually Believe.*

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 *Satan Always Attacks Those Next In Line For A Promotion.*

 *Power Is The Ability To Walk Away From Something You Desire...To Protect Something You Love.*

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 *What You Respect, You Will Attract.*

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 *The Proof of Desire Is Pursuit.*

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 *Your Seed Is Anything That Benefits Another; While Your Harvest Is Anything That Benefits You.*

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 *When You Let Go of What Is In Your Hand, God Will Let Go of What Is In His Hand.*

 *Pain Is Not An Enemy But Merely The Proof That One Exists.*

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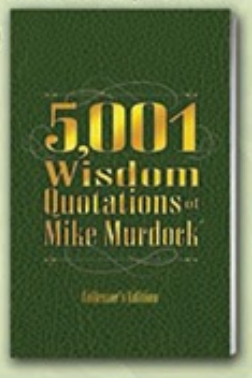
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