

1: Mentoring That Produces Great Spiritual Leaders

With The Mentor's Spirit, [Sinetar] has cemented her role as a key architect of the new millennium's social structure." - Magical Blend Magazine "This book is a gift of love.

When the disciple make a vow to fight for kosen-rufu without begrudging his life. This spirit is identical to the life state of Nichiren Daishonin. The three presidents of the Soka Gakkai demonstrated this spirit with their very lives, living each day by actualising this vow, without sparing any effort. To fully benefit and freely draw from the infinite fountain of wisdom, compassion and courage of our Buddhahood, we need to tap it through this spirit. The mentor and disciple spirit is the key. Hmmm sounds pretty daunting. Especially for newbies like me. Like a big jump and I am not sure if I am rerady to take the leap. Before I can continue, allow me to explain a little bit more about mentor and disciple. In every field, karate, sushi art, calligraphy, investing, music, etc. The mentor guide the student along the correct path. Follow the wrong teacher, your skills or ability will reach an impasse and find yourself unable to advance after awhile. Thus, finding the correct teacher is very important. There is a path that birds follow as they fly through the sky. There is a path that fish follow as they swim through the sea. There is a path that the stars follow as they travel the heavens. And there is a path of principle that human beings should follow. This is none other than the path of peace. Symphony of Life, Dec , Daisaku Ikeda As for disciple, we choose who to follow and who not to follow. Thus, the relationship of mentor and disciple is really determined by the disciple. The spirit of mentor and disciple means both the mentor and the disciple sharing the same goal and same determination for kosen-rufu. Let me assure you there is no necessary to make any leap or do anything that you are not comfortable to practice this Buddhism. Most people progress step-by-step. Can always start with something small. Share it with others and build it up over time. One step at a time. I mean, I can understand, theoretically, the overall concept. But it is never much a part of me. Sensei is sensei, and I am I. Is something wrong with my faith? No need to fret. Continue to practice for oneself and others. It will come eventually. First, we make an effort to read and learn about the philosophy, guidance and books written by Mr Ikeda. Develop a more profound understanding. Also, learn about the actions that he took, the challenges and difficulties he surmounted and the effect of these efforts. Through this, we will be able to appreciate the greatness of our mentor intellectually. Second, put into practice his guidance. For example, make it a point to introduce this Buddhism to the people that are in pain needed this the most. When we start taking actions for kosen-rufu, we will develop a deeper understanding of Mr Ikeda. Thirdly, when we encounter difficulty major setbacks in our kosen-rufu effort. When we are in the middle of something really big, then, we can feel a little bit more what Mr Ikeda must have went through to spread this Buddhism worldwide. When we make a fresh vow and challenge the difficulty head on, we will again, understand the spirit of mentor and disciple, not just intellectually, but both emotionally and spiritually. I heard that some people can see and judge whether a person possess the mentor and disciple spirit. They say that those who become inactive, or leave the Gakkai, do not have this spirit. Please pay no attention to that. No one, you hear me? Why is this spirit so important? It is the most essential core value of the Soka Gakkai. You can say that if this spirit diminish now, the Gakkai will stop growing and start to decay. It is that important. Our heart, that keep pumping the blood to each and every cell, non-stop. Then, we should make everyone in Gakkai to have this spirit. We are not a cult. We cannot make anybody do anything. And we should not. We can only encourage, share and lead others into it. We cannot force it on others. This is tantamount to not respecting the Buddha in each person. Or strictly speaking, committing slander. Some leaders in Gakkai are asking questions about the mismanagement of money and the lack of check and balance in Gakkai. They were labelled as not having Sensei in their heart. Some even call us to refute them and put them in their place. Asking questions and demanding proper management of funds are good to prevent those in power from pocketing it. In fact, it is important. Any large organisation, with millions of dollars in the piggy bank, cannot be without strict control and governance. Do not have the mentor and disciple spirit. We must remember that the spirit of mentor and disciple is a core spirit that we need to foster within each and every Gakkai members. It is wrong to use this as a weapon to shut people up and instill fear in them, saying that without the mentor

and disciple spirit, one will have no good fortune. This is abusing the term. I am sure Mr Ikeda will not approve of this. Today, some leaders within the SGM felt that they need to continue to carry out their mission as a leader because they keep telling themselves that they are doing it for the sake of the members. Sensei would want me to take care of my members. It is not for anyone else. No matter how difficult the situation become, they strive on. This is an example of the mentor and disciple spirit. What about those who resigned? Do they still have the spirit of mentor and disciple? The spirit is something intangible. You cannot see or touch. It is manifested in the actions. It is also not dependent on position. If a high ranking leader who are conceited, look down on others and say that this or that person should leave the Gakkai because they disagree, then, the spirit is no longer in him. We are practising Buddhism. Why are we focusing so much on a person? The thing is this. It is the supreme universal life philosophy. It is way too difficult to describe it in words. Thus, we need a model, a human being who demonstrate it with his own life. Thus, we need a human. And Mr Ikeda is teaching us that each and every one of us equally possess the Buddha nature. We are the same, no different from Mr Ikeda. We have the same potential, the same Buddhahood as our mentor. Just that we each has our own and unique mission. So, in a nutshell, what is the spirit of mentor and disciple? Sorry, I cannot put it in a nutshell. Also, I am still learning and still a lot more to learn. It is a huge concept. But I try anyway.

2: The Mentor and Disciple spirit – My understanding (Part 1) – A quiet revolution

In The Mentor's Spirit, Marsha Sinetar shows readers a way to use our inborn "spiritual intelligence" to see the world and everything in it as a potential mentor--a life-affirming source of guidance and inspiration. True mentors are "artists of encouragement" who help us discover what is unique about our calling in life and help us pursue it.

The Holy Bible, Romans 7: Jesus was called rabbi – teacher. His apprentices were disciples – learners. Christ-followers believe that Jesus is God, who came to earth and lived a perfect human life – which makes him the ultimate mentor. According to the Bible, Jesus invited twelve ordinary, working men to follow him. They learned from his teachings, his interactions with others, and ongoing conversations with him. After three years of apprenticeship, they had been transformed from blue-collar tradesmen to world-changing leaders. A common parallel is the process of learning to play a musical instrument. Observe A music student begins by observing how an instrument is played. They notice how it sounds and what it looks like to play music. In spiritual mentoring, the apprentice first notes the attitudes and behaviors of a person who is spiritually mature. The mentor may demonstrate traits like perseverance or a nonjudgmental attitude. Through observation, the apprentice notices the characteristics they want to develop in themselves. Train A student then learns how to interact with the instrument. This could include learning its different parts or how to play scales. They have not yet begun to make music, exactly, but they are learning how music is made. Throughout training, a spiritual mentor provides clear assignments and direction. This might include studying Scripture or completing practical assignments, such as reconciling a broken relationship, giving to the poor, or practicing the discipline of prayer. Training helps the apprentice become familiar with the foundation of the abundant life. Practice A competent student eventually moves from learning the components of an instrument to playing actual music. At first the songs may be short and simple. But with time and practice, they will learn to read music on their own and therefore be able to play a large selection of pieces. An apprentice will eventually take charge of their own study. They might investigate specific Scriptures they find interesting or take on learning experiences alone. The mentor shifts from giving detailed directions to providing feedback and advice. Teach One of the best ways to learn is to teach. Someday this budding musician may have the opportunity to teach students of their own. As they retrace the steps of learning to play music, they will gain a new understanding and appreciation of how it works. To experience the abundant life, a spiritual apprentice will eventually need to take on the responsibility of teaching others. Helping others learn how to pray reminds the teacher of their own need to commune with God. Helping a student learn forgiveness makes the teacher more aware of their own relationships. The Disciple helps an apprentice develop specific habits based on the life and teachings of Jesus. The Counselor provides specific advice at appropriate times. The Teacher is a subject matter expert. An apprentice will need a different type of mentor based on where they are in their own spiritual growth. How to Find a Mentor But where does one find such a person? Use these five steps to help you find the mentor you need. Ask God Start by asking God to provide the right person. Jesus-followers believe that God loves the people he created and wants to give them good things – especially those they ask for. This is exactly the type of request that God loves to fulfill. Search through Church Communities Seek out a church community and observe the more experienced members. Ask for Help Ask your friends and family whom they might suggest as a spiritual mentor. Do a web search for organizations that specialize in discipleship or life-coaching. Read everything you can by them and about them. Consider their experiences and teachings. Imagine what direction and advice that person would give you if they knew you personally. The Result of Mentoring Paul, one of the writers of the Bible, was keenly aware of his own shortcomings. He described his struggle this way: For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. Paul is describing a shattered identity. His values differ from his actions; his life is truly dis-integrated. Because mentoring helps integrate their shattered identities into the abundant life that Jesus teaches. They become more mature versions of themselves and grow increasingly like Jesus. As such, they are able to make the world around them a better place. Ave Maria Press, , 9. Robert Clinton and Paul Stanley, Connecting: NavPress, ,

3: What Does A Spiritual Mentor Do In The Life Of A Christian?

Professor Robert Clinton notes six types of spiritual mentors—the Discippler, the Spiritual Guide, the Coach, the Counselor, the Teacher, and the Sponsor: The Discippler helps an apprentice develop specific habits based on the life and teachings of Jesus.

The updated version is now available. It has been developed since and extensively rewritten in In it was professionally edited and printed by my publishers, Essential Resources. It is a user-friendly resource pages, A4 size, wirebound , containing numerous diagrams, and is aimed at being a resource for Mentors during the actual mentoring journey. An extensive Bibliography provides Mentors with a variety of resources they can consult should they wish to know more about youth mentoring especially. More than websites related to youth mentoring and youth education, as well as other youth issues, have been visited. The Manual also refers to specific issues related to mentoring adolescents from high risk environments, as well as those transitioning from foster care to independent living. The tips and ideas on offer support the latest research on the adolescent brain. There are numerous tips for mentors as they seek to engage with their mentees, as well as strategies for mentors to try as they connect with their mentees. Background Mentoring and being mentored “ both are good for you! What justifies youth mentoring worldwide? Becoming a mentor What is a mentor? What does a mentor do? What skills and attributes does an effective mentor have? Stages of the mentoring relationship Key points 3. Setting and getting goals What is the role of the goal-getting mentor? Why may a mentee battle with setting goals? Resiliency Why should a mentor foster resiliency? Strategies for fostering resiliency in mentees Key points 5. Self-concept and other adolescent issues Introduction Understanding self-esteem and self-image Why are self-esteem and self-image significant in adolescence? Communication Introduction What influences communication? Stumbling blocks to communication Key points 7. Readable and not boring. Pleasing to the eye and not tiring to the mind. The tips are great; especially the diagrams are easy to understand. Really like the quotes too. Easy to read; not an information overload. Good images and diagrams. Well set out, clear and concise. Have yet to read all of it, but it is something I will do in my own time and am keen to do, as I feel there is a lot of good stuff in there. I think you have done an excellent job. Lots of great information.

4: Mentoring and Spiritual Formatio

Mentors commit themselves to: listening, confidentiality, depending upon the Holy Spirit, modeling, prayer, sharing resources and their network, encouraging, etc. What else depending upon the specific type.

Supporting toward maturity in all areas of life Modern role parallels Loving uncle, aunt or close, more mature friend Essential message To mature spiritually, here is what you need to know, do, or become How can I help you get where you are going? This involves a long time and is not as objective-oriented as discipleship. Basically in mentoring, a more mature Christian is helping a younger Christian grow spiritually, emotionally and mentally through the stages of his or her life. It is a long-term commitment. As my mentor Dr Philip Cheong once commented. To show how mentoring can fit into our ministry, Bobb Biehl, who has consulted with the various ministries of Campus Crusade for Christ since , has this to say: Out of this you will probably have 30 that become involved in a leadership program in which you will disciple them over a years period in the Ten Steps to Maturity. But when the year is up, you may say, "God bless you. You do wonderful work! It may be considered an extension of the many discipleship programs available. Mentoring builds up spiritual maturity in life situations and the stages of life. In some cases, mentors choose the persons they want to mentor and approach them. In other situations, Christians who want to develop in their spiritual life seek out mentors to help them. Mentoring is not a teaching program but a sharing of life experiences. The mentor then shares out of his or her own life experiences in similar situations. Eugene Peterson wrote, "The life of Christ emerges from within the actual circumstances of our seemingly very unspiritual lives â€” the daily stuff of ordinariness and accidents and confusion, good days and bad days, taking the humdrum and the catastrophic both in stride. In any mentoring process there are three parties present: Both the mentor and the need to learn to be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit who will lead them into the depths and mysteries of God in everyday life. Conclusion Good mentors are hard to find. A good mentor can make a lot of difference in our spiritual formation and can help us discern the presence of God in our lives. Mentoring can help to facilitate our spiritual growth. The church needs a great number of good mentors â€” godly, mature men and women who are willing to invest their lives in a few younger people. What a difference that will make in the expansion of the Kingdom of God. Published in The Great Commission: From Individualism to Personhood Colorado Springs: Zondervan, , 53 12 June "treat, heal, and comfort always" "spiritual forming disciples of Jesus Christ with informed minds, hearts on fire and contemplative in actions".

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A spiritual teacher/mentor's role is unique in that the goal is not to transmit knowledge or understanding as much as it is to somehow bring about a recognition in the student of the student's own pre-existing nature.

Don George It is important for those who want to be effective spiritual leaders to understand the difference between mentoring and coaching. A mentor shares what he personally knows – what he has learned. A coach assists by helping people discover answers and solutions to questions and problematic situations. When I embarked on this odyssey of preaching and pastoring, I soon recognized my need for mentoring. I clearly understood that to achieve maximum effectiveness in ministry I would need assistance from others with greater wisdom and maturity. Both my father, Roy F. George, a pioneer church planter in the Assemblies of God, and my brother, R. I will forever be grateful for the manner in which these men shaped me and prepared my life for effective ministry. Mentoring – Who Needs It? While it could be argued that a mentoring relationship is not absolutely essential to success in ministry, any minister with the responsibility of people engineering will profit greatly from developing a mentoring relationship with his staff. The Freedom To Fail I remember the day well. I was in my first church staff position as a youth and music pastor at First Assembly in Huron, South Dakota. My senior pastor asked me to come to his office and talk with him. Being new to the ministry and eager to please, I welcomed the opportunity to chat. We discussed how things were going for me in my ministry. He asked questions, and I gave him answers that reflected my excitement. I am not sure whether he thought I did not understand the need to take risks, or I did not understand his leadership style, but I will never forget what he told me and how I felt as a result. I will never forget his answer because it has helped me through 31 years of ministry. Some of your new dreams and ideas will work; some will not. I want you to have the freedom to fail. I could fail and my pastor would not be upset with me. From that day, until years later when God moved me to another ministry location, I not only felt his support for me and my ministry, but I also felt I had a pastor who understood my desire to succeed and my fear of failure. He gave me permission to fail so I could learn to succeed. I began to realize that failure does not mean I am a failure. I began to understand that effectiveness in ministry does not mean everything I do will be successful. Failure sometimes shows that an idea, plan, or way of doing ministry is not always the best way, and inspires people to find more effective methods. I do not know any pastor who wants to fail in the ministry God has given him. No one desires to be known as a failure. Pastors desire to be successful in fulfilling their ministry pursuits. What I did not know, until my pastor helped me understand, was that pastors need the freedom to fail to learn to be successful in what God has called them to be and do. As a leader, ask yourself: Do I give my staff the freedom to fail? How do I react when someone under me fails? Do they have permission from me to make mistakes without experiencing my wrath or extreme disappointment? Do I realize that if I do not give them permission to fail, their mistakes may cause them to distance themselves from me, or even limit their desire to try again? Failure is not something we want, but something we need the freedom to experience. People engineering can be defined as the art of recruiting, training, and motivating people. Motivators and manipulators have one significant common characteristic: The purpose for which motivators and manipulators influence people differs greatly. A motivator influences people for their benefit, or for a cause mutually agreed on. A manipulator, though, influences people for his benefit. The differing motives of motivators and the manipulators set them apart. Pastors and church leaders are to be motivators rather than manipulators. The effective church leader of the 21st century can be greatly assisted by competent mentoring. Senior pastors with multiple staff. Executive or senior associate pastors who have direct oversight of multiple staff. The lack of adequate people skills has been the downfall of many church leaders. Chris Turner listed the top 5 reasons for more than 1, dismissals from Baptist church staffs in Clearly, when church leaders improve their people skills, the number of staff member dismissals will decline. Church leadership will benefit by improving their mentoring strategies and techniques. The Model Mentor When Jesus began establishing His kingdom on earth, He chose men from diverse walks of life to be the foundation stones for His church. His choices included highly skilled men from the professional world a tax collector as well as men of common labor fishermen.

Jesus knew these men would need to be trained and equipped for the assignment at hand. Thus, He chose men who were willing to be mentored. As a result, the disciples were prepared for their ministry assignments through the mentoring process of Jesus. Where could one find a more able mentor than Jesus? He had learned from His Heavenly Father, and He used earthly experiences to prepare men for their supreme spiritual responsibility. The model mentor of the universe is Jesus. We would do well to consider His principles of mentoring. The Principle of Association Jesus selected 12 men with whom to be closely associated: Jesus desired to establish close, quality relationships with the Twelve. Jesus used this close association to teach His disciples how they should live. He invited His disciples to observe every aspect of His daily life as He reproduced himself in these 12 men. The Master saw potential in His disciples. He saw them, not as they were, but as they could be through proper mentoring. Peter was brash, impulsive, and impetuous. Through mentoring, however, Peter became a leader of the Early Church in Jerusalem. Church leaders today would do well to adopt the mentoring style of Jesus. Followers need opportunity to associate with their leaders. It has often been said that life-changing principles and insight for effective living are more often caught than taught. The principle of association will produce positive results in the lives of our staff and volunteers. As a young pastor at Calvary Church in Irving, Texas, I quickly recognized the powerful potential of mentoring. Although the church was small in the beginning, I realized that if the church were to experience healthy growth, I must duplicate myself in the lives of trustworthy men. I began to search for men who would walk by my side, learn from my example, and share the responsibilities of ministry. I met with a small group of men for breakfast every Saturday for 18 months. This initial group of 30 became a committed team of 10 during that defining year and a half. I did not miss a single meeting, and encouraged those early followers to make a serious commitment to Christian discipleship. Each Saturday we fellowshiped during breakfast; afterward I taught principles of discipleship. It was exciting to observe the spiritual growth and development in these men who were truly committed to the purpose of God. From that humble beginning came the first group of lay leaders for our fledgling church. The core of that small group that came together 35 years ago is still active as lay leaders in our church today. Staff Sabbaticals Staff pastors understand that their senior pastor has more responsibility, earns more money, and often has some benefits not offered to staff pastors. There is an emerging benefit for senior pastors, however, that can be shared with staff pastors and will add value and refresh their ministry. I am referring to the sabbatical program offered in some districts. This program provides opportunity for senior pastors to lead the way by allowing staff pastors to take sabbaticals. In 1 Corinthians We know little, if anything, about Fortunatus and Achaicus. These three visited Paul and refreshed him verse Evidently these three men not only knew how to refresh someone, but they also practiced it. Senior pastors need to consider how they might refresh their staff. The following observations are intended to be prompters. They may even create discussion for a pastoral staff meeting or a meeting with the official board. Sabbaticals for Staff Pastors Help Promote Longevity At West End Assembly of God in Richmond, Virginia, any staff pastor can earn 2 weeks of sabbatical leave for every 5 years of service “ in addition to regular vacation. It is not surprising that most of the pastoral staff have been on the team 5 years or more. Three of the pastors including the senior pastor have more than 70 years of combined service. While the sabbatical program at West End is not the singular cause of longevity, it is an important ingredient. A culture of generosity begins with the senior pastor. If culture is what people do without being told, then the senior pastor must constantly model what he wants others to do. The greatest human power a leader has is modeling.

6: www.enganchecubano.com: Customer reviews: The Mentor's Spirit

There are many examples of spiritual mentors in the Bible. While the word mentor is not used in the pages of Scripture, the concept of a mentor is evident in the life of Christ with His disciples. Then they became mentors to others whom they taught. A spiritual mentoring relationship or discipleship.

What about a spiritual teacher or mentor? What is their role? And more specifically what does a spiritual teacher or spiritual mentor in the nondual or Advaita tradition do? This is a much more subtle thing than simply teaching someone a skill or understanding. It is not that a spiritual teacher never provides spiritual teachings or knowledge or understanding, but that knowledge or understanding by itself is not the goal. A student can have a broad knowledge of spiritual principles, and yet can still not have truly recognized those principles as being inherent in his or her own being. So spiritual teachers or mentors may teach a lot or they may not teach anything, depending on what the student needs in that moment to experience this deeper recognition of their own true nature. This may seem like a subtle distinction between the role of a spiritual teacher and a regular teacher, but it makes a huge difference. The regular teacher usually has something specific to transmit, and there is often an implied assumption that the student will have more understanding or be better off when the teaching is completed. But the spiritual teacher is pointing to something that is already present in the student. It is like teaching someone to have shoulders. But you can make them more aware of the shoulders they already have. Advaita means not two and is referring to the mysterious oneness of all existence. Fundamentally there is only one substance of reality that everything is made of, including the teacher and the student. [Click here](#) for a further definition of Advaita and an experiential exploration of this oneness. Some take this fundamental truth of our nature to mean that there can be no such thing as a teacher or mentor, or a student for that matter. It also expresses on this relative level where there is an apparent teacher and an apparent student. And these roles function on the relative level until students have recognized their true nature and there is nothing left to teach them. Similarly, spiritual teaching and mentoring is simply a function that sometimes serves in our spiritual unfoldment. One way this is expressed is that not everyone who realizes their true nature is also equipped to be, or even interested in being, a spiritual teacher. There are some practical considerations in the choosing of and working with a spiritual teacher. There are qualities one would expect to find in someone who is truly serving this function of pointing to the deeper truth of Being. As a starting point you can view this list of qualities one can look for. There also is a thorough code of ethics for spiritual teachers here. Is it necessary to completely give up all control and direction to the spiritual teacher in order to receive the deepest benefit of their teaching? In a word the answer is no. All of the true nature being pointed to is already present in the student. There is nothing that the teacher has to give you or take from you for the recognition of this deeper nature to occur. Anytime there is a surrender or insistence on total devotion, there is also equally a danger of misuse and abuse of that power. Beware of any teacher who demands this kind of total surrender. And while ultimately, every experience is our teacher and with the fullest realization there is gratitude for all of existence, there can also be a natural deep appreciation for the apparent person who has pointed you to that truth. So if there is a human teacher, there may be this gratitude and love that arises in response to the gift of spiritual teaching they have shared with you. The true spiritual teacher is here simply to serve your own recognition of your true nature. The final measure of his or her functioning in this capacity is the degree of your own depth of realization. The rest is relatively unimportant unless it serves this simple but subtle goal. As a spiritual mentor and spiritual teacher, he has worked with thousands of individuals all over the world to help them open their hearts and awaken to their true nature. Nirmala is glad to support the Association of Professional Spiritual Teachers.

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Having a personal, spiritual mentor can be a great help in our walk of faith and in the development of our spirit. There have been a number of women who have been mentors to me throughout my life. I rarely met with any of them on a regular basis; our mentoring relationship was not formal at all.

She has it printed out in booklet form using attractive fonts and formatting. After the training session, the booklet is kept as a reference by the ministry participants. Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work. It is a ministry for women of all ages based on Titus 2: It is a ministry that intentionally develops friendships among women of different generations. Women invest in the lives of each other through encouragement, guidance, listening, laughing and loving. The goal is to form strong and lasting relationships that are a source of support, growth and strength. What is a Mentor and what does she do? A mentor is a wise woman who is mature in faith and consistent in godly conduct. She is willing to listen, share skills, and provide a positive perspective for life experiences. She provides wisdom and offers a spiritually sound, safe and fun friendship to a younger woman. She is looking for a woman who has dealt with the struggles she now faces. Why have a Mentoring Ministry? The Lord commands us to tell the next generation "Psalms What commitment does the Mentoring Ministry require? You agree to make contact once a week, i. You agree to meet once a month, i. You agree to pray for each other regularly. What are the important Mentoring dates and deadlines? The Mentors will be called by someone on the Mentoring Prayer Team. It is a two-step process: Your profile sheet will be prayed over for 10 days. Mentors will then call their new Mentees. Can I choose my Mentoring partner? We are allowing the Lord to make that choice. We choose best when we leave the choice to Him. Do I have to be a member of the church to participate? No, membership is not required; however, you must have evidence of faithfulness. That we might be mutually encouraged by each others faith, both yours and mine. Bring your favorite potluck dish to share with a new friend. No cost or childcare. The Benefits of Friendship A. Honor one another above yourselves. A great friend is ready to stand by at great personal expense. Acceptance is not permissiveness, but responsibility with the goal of maturity. Freedom of Expression James 1: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. A friend overlooks an offense; does not betray a confidence. A friend respects your schedule so she does not frustrate you. Spiritual counsel from the word. A good friend stimulates and sharpens you. Speaking the Truth in Love Ephesians 4: Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another. Help in Work and Trouble Ecclesiastes 4: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But, pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! Health to Your Body Proverbs A discontent and a bitter heart in a friend dries up the vitality of a relationship. Read a chapter in the Bible every day; share once a week what the verses said to you. Read the same book, a chapter a week, and discuss what you have learned. Keep a daily journal describing how you have seen God in your life that day. Share some highlights with your partner each week. What concerns have been on your heart lately? Pray daily for your partner. As you pray about specific problems, discuss how God has been answering your prayers. Give a heart-felt hug or touch. Could you give an encouraging word? Drop off a surprise gift of two mugs you have made or bought. Give a simple green plant "to grow as your friendship grows. What is your talent? Could you make a simple memento for your partner? Give a bookmark you made or bought. Share a favorite dessert. Share a normal activity: Attend a Bible study together. Can you make an apple pie, balance a budget or make bread together? Go to the Extreme Monster Truck Nationals together. Resources on Mentoring Becoming a Titus 2 Woman: Anderson and Randy D. Out of print, but worth trying to find at the library. Use the back or another sheet if necessary!

8: Peer Resources - Comprehensive Mentoring Directory

The Spirit of Mentoring - A Manual for Adult Volunteers, is used as a Resource book for the YES! Mentor Training Programme. It has been developed since and extensively rewritten in

Every Christian needs a spiritual mentor. Each benefit and are stronger together. The question is whether or not we will reach out and seek the counsel and guidance of a mentor. Yes, the benefits are invaluable and provide a lifeline in the sea of life that has far too many storms. But perhaps you are wondering what some of the key benefits might be of such a relationship. Is it worth it? While certainly not all inclusive the following is a short list of key benefits from establishing a relationship with a spiritual mentor: Someone to believe in you: A mentor is someone who believes in you even when understanding all the clutter and imperfections in your life. Someone who will listen carefully to your passions, dreams, goals, hang-ups, and immature ideas and provide caring objective input you can trust which takes into account their sense of how God is working in your life. Barnabas and John Mark Acts Seeing a godly life lived out is an invaluable benefit. This activity includes formal and informal Bible study, directed reading, training in the Christian disciplines quiet time, bible reading, prayer, etc. The spiritual life patterns established early on in this relationship are designed to benefit those mentored a lifetime. It is not difficult for the enemy to attempt to derail someone who earnestly desires to deepen their relationship with God. Consequently having a mentor accountability partner is an invaluable benefit for asking tough questions, heading off danger, and derailing diversions. Samuel and Saul 1 Sam. While the Bible is clear that we should look out for the needs of others we often fail in our follow through. Mentees benefit from proactive encouragement from their mentors, who understand the power and value of this critical motivator. Barnabas and Paul Acts 4: Mentors provide a tremendous benefit to those mentored as they experience trials in their lives. Paul and Silas Acts 16 Helps establish and achieve goals: Once established mentors can then help to monitor, suggest adjustments, and counsel along the way as needed. The real benefit in these areas is helping ensure that the balance of personal and spiritual goals is appropriate, e. Some of these decisions come quickly and others may be prepared for. Regardless of the urgency having a trusted objective advocate for weighing major life decisions is extremely valuable Paul and Titus " Titus Benefits other relationships in your life: As mentees grow in their faith and pursuit of a godly Christ-like life virtually every other relationship they have will be positively impacted. Friends, family, co-workers, employees, etc. This changed life has the potential to heal relationships, draw others to Christ, and influence others toward a similar experience. Yes, changed lives draw others to themselves as they see the Spirit of God at work and will establish the groundwork for the mentee to potentially become a mentor to others as God leads. Becoming a mentor is a response to this command and the benefit to others cannot be measured in human terms, only from an eternity perspective. The true opportunity to give back and invest in the kingdom is the investing in the lives of others. Those most familiar is a senior to a junior. However, peer on peer mentoring is also a viable approach. I encourage an open mind allowing God to lead. He is perfect in His wisdom and will bring the people together that He desires in a mentor-mentee relationship. Is he speaking to you that you need a mentor? Has He introduced you to new people that you immediately sparked to which appear to be godly? Do you have issues, decisions, uncertainties in your life that are crying out for counsel? Whatever the circumstances God is at work around you and will make it clear whose paths cross for mentoring purposes. The benefits are priceless. Be alert and respond immediately.

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What is the mentor and disciple spirit? When the disciple make a vow to fight for kosen-rufu without begrudging his life. This spirit is identical to the life state of Nichiren Daishonin.

Being is our most vital principle, our essential, animating life force. Being injects a mentor with persuasiveness. Doing and having are but secondary influences. Being involves our particularity, a potency we garner through simpleness, but not necessarily passivity. Prayer, meditation, or mindful walks along a lonely stretch of beach are not indolent times. These etch reality into awareness, enable us to see ourselves clearly, as in a mirror. Who has not been restored, had his or her vigor renewed, by such nondoing activities? A Personal Story There was resistance to my promotion to the position of public school principal. In , only two women in our district held that spot. My teaching specialty had been the gifted student, yet from the inception of my career I aspired to broader leadership. Despite a passion for teaching, I had big dreams and was always hatching plans for novel, wide-scale pilot projects, the sort that might affect large communities of learners. A handsome man “ playful, nattily dressed, dashing. Everyone loved him, including me. One sensed good intentions, a generous heart, and he was fair. Denial was my way of life: I ignored the obvious and pressed on, repeatedly scoring at the top of the shortlist. My superintendent balked for a few more months about promoting me, then gave in. The day he summoned me to his office supposedly to offer congratulations he nagged: Naive, too baffled to respond, and nervous, I burst out laughing. Then the tension faded. Did he enjoy his Neanderthal quips? Secretly, did he hope to shock or to test people? Despite his opening salvo, I felt that he liked and respected me. He must have sensed my admiration and affection.

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