

SESSION 10

# THREE CHEERS FOR MENTORS!

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## I. The Awesome, Empowering Impact of an Older Man

A. The Vision of Words

B. Locking onto a Life

## II. Exploring This Rich Concept Called Mentoring

A. From Dad to Whom?

1. Dad can only take you \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Male mentors are \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Five Comments About a Mentor

1. He is one who \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_ with you.

2. He is one who is primarily a \_\_\_\_\_, not a \_\_\_\_\_.

3. He is one who seeks to \_\_\_\_\_ the development of your gifts while seeking to \_\_\_\_\_ you from costly mistakes.

4. He is one who \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in you because  
he \_\_\_\_\_ your value and untapped potential.

5. He is not necessarily a close \_\_\_\_\_, but he is a close \_\_\_\_\_.

### C. Is Mentoring Different from Discipleship?

### D. What a Mentor Brings to the Table

1. \_\_\_\_\_ through experience

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. A \_\_\_\_\_ in you

4. \_\_\_\_\_ for your achievement

5. In some instances ... a proven \_\_\_\_\_

## III. The Bible Is Filled with Mentors and Mentoring

A. Some Examples

B. Some Scriptures to Sample

## IV. 10 Marks of a Good Mentor (Dr. Howard Hendricks, *As Iron Sharpens Iron*, Moody Press, 1995)

A. This man clearly \_\_\_\_\_ what you personally \_\_\_\_\_.

## THE QUEST FOR AUTHENTIC MANHOOD

B. He chooses to \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ with you.

C. He is willing to take a \_\_\_\_\_ on you.

D. He is \_\_\_\_\_ by other men.

E. He has a network of \_\_\_\_\_.

F. He is \_\_\_\_\_ by others.

G. He both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

H. He is \_\_\_\_\_ in his lifestyle.

I. He is able to \_\_\_\_\_ your real \_\_\_\_\_.

J. He is concerned with your \_\_\_\_\_.

## V. The Impact of Mentoring

### A. For the Mentor

1. Closes the \_\_\_\_\_ on a man's life cycle.

2. Connects older and younger men in a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship.

3. Allows a man to teach \_\_\_\_\_, from \_\_\_\_\_, which younger men desperately need and want.

4. Gives older men a significant \_\_\_\_\_ in the second half of life.

5. Adds a missing \_\_\_\_\_ to an older man's life.

### B. For His Protégé

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. A bigger personal \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

## VI. What to Do if You ...

### A. Want to Be a Mentor

1. Make a list of your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ you can bless a younger man's life with. This is most important.

2. Determine how much \_\_\_\_\_ you have to give.

3. Pray for and choose a \_\_\_\_\_ you want to be with and reach out to him.

4. If you "\_\_\_\_\_" initiate some regular time together until the protégé has what he \_\_\_\_\_. Then let him go.

### B. Need but Lack a Mentor

1. \_\_\_\_\_ for wisdom and guidance.

2. Go and \_\_\_\_\_ courageously.

3. Don't get \_\_\_\_\_ if you are turned \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Get a \_\_\_\_\_ and ask an older man to "\_\_\_\_\_."

## QUESTIONS FOR YOUR SMALL GROUP

1. Who have been the mentors in your life? Explain. How did these mentors make a difference? Explain.
2. Could you see yourself as a mentor right now? Why or why not?
3. Are there men around you that you would like to be mentored by in some way? What keeps you from asking them to invest in you?
4. Are you beginning to see the power a man has in "investing down" in younger men? Explain.