



A REAL MAN

The Search for God's Definition of Manhood



So Be Strong, show yourself a man...observe what the Lord your God requires...that you may prosper in all you do

1 KINGS 2:2,3

Read and Memorize 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 NIV

³For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. ⁴The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

THE MENTOR IN A MAN'S CHEST

There are national mentoring programs, there are mentors in the business world, athletes serve as mentors to kids in the community, universities are providing academic mentors etc.

What exactly is a mentor?

Did your father, or another male father figure, mentor you in basic life principles?

... we now speak of a mentor as someone who functions to some extent as a father figure (in the best sense of the term), a man who fundamentally affects and influences the development of another, usually younger, man...Mentors nurture our souls. They shape our character. They call us to be complete, whole men, and, by the grace of God, holy men.

Howard and William Hendricks, *As Iron Sharpens Iron* (Chicago: Moody Press, 1995), 18.

A MENTOR AS "LIFE COACH"

What does someone who is a *coach* of a sport need to



How does this parallel coaching someone in life?



THE FIRST RULE OF MENTORING – BE THERE!!!

What kind of coach never shows up to practice?

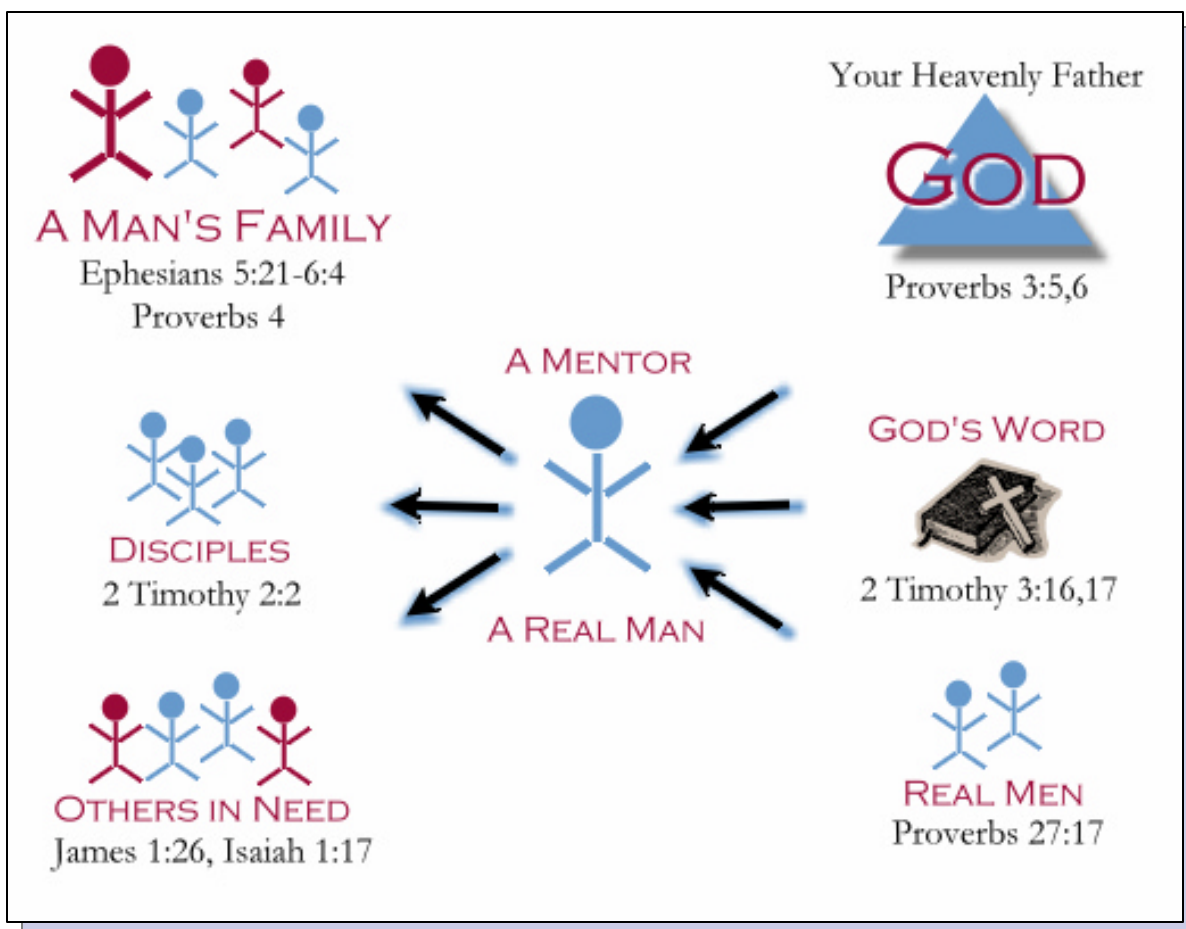
What are some of the joys of *being there* for others?

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Mentoring requires us to be present with those whom we coach and influence!!!

A MODEL FOR MENTORS

Mentoring Builds Men who Understand Life and Pass it on





INPUTS INTO THE LIFE OF A MENTOR

HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Read Proverbs 3:5,6 and Hebrews 12:1,2

God must have supremacy in our lives and he must be our ultimate mentor. Through a close, intimate walk with God, a man stays humble and open to what is true, right and good for himself and those he leads.

HIS STUDY OF GOD'S WORD



Read 2 Timothy 3:16,17

Paul lists four things for which the Scriptures are profitable. How are each of these vital in the life of a mentor:

- **Teaching**—
- **Rebuking**—
- **Correcting**—
- **Training**—

HIS RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER REAL MEN

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another —**Proverbs 27:17**

OUTPUTS FROM THE LIFE OF A MENTOR

- **Your Family** —Read Ephesians 5:21-6:4 Proverbs 4:1,2
- **People You Influence Spiritually** —Read 2 Timothy 2:2





WARNING: MENTORS OUT OF BALANCE



WILL NOT LEARN

DUNCE

one who is slow-witted or stupid (here we are not referring to

- Will not learn anything.
- Rejects the wise counsel of others.
- Does not care to teach or help others that need him.



ARROGANT

KNOW-IT-ALL

one who claims to know everything; also : one who disdains advice

- Thinks he has no need to learn anything.
- Thinks no one can give him any advice.
- Looks down on those he is

MENTORING IN ACTION – A EULOGY TO A MENTOR

This man whose body lies before me was not only my father and my friend, but he was also the source of great inspiration for me...When I was between ten and thirteen years of age, my dad and I would rise very early before the sun came up on a wintry morning. We would put on our hunting clothes and heavy boots...[and] we would await the arrival of the sun and the awakening of the animal world...Something dramatic...occurred out there in the forest between my dad and me. An intense love and affection was generated on those mornings that set the tone for a lifetime of fellowship. There was a closeness and a oneness that made me want to be like that man...that made me choose his values as my values, his dreams as my dreams, his God as my God.

James Dobson, *Straight Talk* (Dallas, TX: Word, 1991), 40.

ASSIGNMENT OF THE WEEK

List some men who have had positive influences on your life:
 Fathers? — Coaches? — Teachers? — Uncles? — Brothers? — Pastors?