



God's Point men Pt 7 Mentors Eph. 6:10-18

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God has commissioned the Father to act as the "Point Man" in the spiritual battle for the hearts and souls of his family "unit". How do we succeed in our God given mission to safely lead our family "units" safely through this hostile world?

- Accept your Responsibility! (To Lead {Eph. 5:23} and Love {Eph. 5:25})
- Know your Enemy. Eph. 6:12
- Develop the qualities necessary to successfully lead your family.

P: Prayerful, Provider, Protector, Patient, Persevering, Partner, Patterned after Jesus, Perceptive.

O: Observant, Open, Optimistic (courageous), Obedient (to God), Objective (Mission Minded!)

I: Inspires (by being) Intentional, Involved, Interested, (takes) Initiative, Intimate, Models Integrity

N: Nerve (courage) and Noble in calling and character.

T: Trustworthy: By becoming Truthful, Trusting, and Teachable.

M: Mentor

Mentor comes from Homer's 12th Century BC epic "The Odyssey". When King Odysseus left to fight the Trojan War he placed his newborn son (Telemachus) in the care of a trusted friend named "Mentor" baby son to fight the Trojan War. Over the millennium, Mentor has come to mean an experienced and trusted guide and adviser.

An experienced and trusted guide is:

1. Mature "Experienced, fully developed"

A. Not measured by time (age), but by TRUST!

1) Some people never quite quite "grow up". Heb 5:12-13

"For when ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again ... the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of ... meat. For every one that useth milk is unskillful (ap'eiros: ignorant, inexperienced) in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe."

B. God's Word is given to help us mature. 2 Tim 3:16-17 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, (Teleios: mature, complete. From Telos: accomplish the goal or purpose) thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

1) It takes a healthy diet and work to develop spiritual (and emotional) Muscles! Heb. 5:14

"But strong meat belongs to them that are of full age, (Teleios: mature) even those who by reason of use (hexis: habitual practice) have their senses exercised (gymnazō!) to discern both good (kalos: intrinsically valuable) and evil." (kakos: intrinsically worthless!)

a) Understanding and applying God's Word gives us Strength, Skill and Experience in life!

Joshua 1:8 *"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein ... that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, (šalah: to push forward) and then thou shalt have good success." (Šakal: skill, wisdom!)*

b) This takes energy and effort! 2 Tim 2:15 "Study (spoudaz'ō: to make effort) to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman (ergat'ēs: toiler, teacher) that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

C. God's Word is our weapon against the enemy! Eph. 6:17 *"above all taking the shield of faith ... and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God."* (See also Heb. 4:12)

- 1) A Point Man who didn't know how to use his weapon usually became a **DEAD** man!
- 2) God's word reveals God's battle plan as well as Satan's.

An experienced and trusted guide is 1) Mature and 2. Motivated (*and motivating*)

A. Definition: To stimulate interest in or enthusiasm for doing something.

- 1) Enthusiasm: en (In) Theos (God)
- 2) This is not simply a self-motivation, but God's Spirit motivating us!
 - a) It involves a sincere "communion" (*partnership*) with Christ and His purposes that enables His Spirit to work in and through us! Phil. 2:13 *"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."* (eudokia: delightful, satisfying purposes) (Is. 41:10; 43:2,3; Mt. 28:20; 2 Tim. 2:4; Heb. 13:5,6)

B. Application: We must choose to partner with God to allow Him to work In and through us.

- 1) Information without motivation (inspiration) leads to *stagnation*! (Remember Heb. 5:12,13)
- 2) Information without application leads to *deception*! (James 1:22)

2 Tim 1:9 *"Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, (or will) but according to his own purpose and grace..."* (charis)

2 Cor 13:14 *"The grace (charis) of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen."*

Grace: (Charis) literally means the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life.

Eph 5:17-18 *"Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with (under the influence of) wine... but be filled with the Spirit!"*

2 Cor 6:1 *"We then, as workers together with him, beseech you that ye receive not the grace of God in vain."* (kenos': empty, without meaning or effect) see Gal. 2:21

3. Well Mannered. (*Gracious*) Eph 4:29-5:2 *"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace to the hearers. ..."*

Conclusion

2 Tim 2:2 *"the things that thou hast heard of me... the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."*

An experienced and trusted guide is:

1. Mature (Growing)
2. Motivated (By and for God)
3. Well Mannered. (Gracious)

Application:

Do you have a mentor?

Does God want you to be a mentor?

In which area could you use an "experienced and trusted guide?"

- Growing *"in grace and knowledge"*? 2 Pt 3:18
 - Grace (Godliness)? 2 Cor. 6:1
 - Graciousness? Eph. 4:29-6:2
- How (from whom) will you get it?

Godly Mentors help us to:

IMPROVE

SUCCEED

TRAIN

MOTIVATE

WORK

INSPIRE