



- **Defining Biblical Mentorship**

- Discipleship is...

- ...commanded in the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18–20)
- ...defined as “helping others to follow Jesus” or “deliberately doing spiritual good to someone so that he or she will be more like Christ” (Devers)
- ...the \_\_\_\_\_ that all of our interactions with other believers *should* fall under

- Mentorship is a form of discipleship where a more mature believer comes alongside a less mature believer to help him/her grow in the faith.

- It's how we \_\_\_\_\_ Paul's command to Timothy:

*2 Tim. 2:2 – The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.*

- It's what we see described in Titus 2.

- Mentorship can take many forms.
  - Formal vs. informal
  - Logistical details should be based on what makes the most sense for the individuals and circumstances involved.

- **Ten Ways Paul Mentored Timothy**

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*Acts 16:1–3 – Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. And a disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek, <sup>2</sup>and he was well spoken of by the brethren who were in Lystra and Iconium. <sup>3</sup>Paul wanted this man to go with him; and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those parts, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.*

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

*1 Thess. 1:1 – Paul and Silvanus and Timothy,  
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.*

3. \_\_\_\_\_

*1 Thess. 3:1–2 – Therefore when we could endure it no longer, we thought it best to be left behind at Athens alone, <sup>2</sup>and we sent Timothy, our brother and God’s fellow worker in the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you as to your faith,*

4. \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. 1 & 2 Tim.)

5. \_\_\_\_\_

*2 Tim. 1:6–7 – For this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. <sup>7</sup>For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.*

*(cf. 1 Tim. 4:7, 11–12; 6:11–12, 20–21; 2 Tim. 2:1, 7; 3:14–15; 4:1–2)*

6. \_\_\_\_\_

*2 Tim. 1:3 – I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience the way my forefathers did, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day,*

7. \_\_\_\_\_

*2 Tim. 3:10–11 – Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance, <sup>11</sup>persecutions, and sufferings, such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium and at Lystra; what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord rescued me!*

*(cf. 1 Tim. 1:3–4; 2 Tim. 1:5)*

8. Be a humble \_\_\_\_\_

*2 Tim. 4:6–8 – For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; <sup>8</sup>in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to*

*me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.*

*(cf. 1 Tim. 1:12–17; 2 Tim. 1:8–12)*

9. \_\_\_\_\_

*1 Tim. 5:23 – No longer drink water exclusively, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.*

*2 Tim. 4:14–15 – Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. <sup>15</sup>Be on guard against him yourself, for he vigorously opposed our teaching.*

10. \_\_\_\_\_

*2 Tim. 1:2 – To Timothy, my beloved son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*2 Tim. 4:9 – Make every effort to come to me soon;*

### **What Do We Do with These Truths?**

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ about mentoring others as part of responsibility to disciple one another.

**Blanks:** umbrella, obey, Identify, Recognize, Entrust, Check on, Exhort, Pray, Remind, example, Advise, Care, intentional