

MENTORING: The Uncommon Mentor

Having a mentor is all about receiving wisdom the easy way. The hard way of course is learning from our own mistakes.

Holy Spirit is our life-long mentor and the best source of wisdom.¹ However, as the Kingdom processes on Earth are to reflect (be a shadow of) Heaven, Father ensures that out of community and fathering, human mentors are available to teach younger members of his Kingdom.

An important point about these earthly mentors is that they will come in and out of a person's life. This produces variety and reduces the risk of soulish attachments being established.

The mentors that Father will bring into our lives are the ones he specially chooses for us and in this way they are termed 'uncommon'. By uncommon, the sense is that the normal (common) person, who doesn't have the favour of Heaven, does not generally have access to these types of mentors.

The wisdom gained from uncommon mentors (read 'Kingdom mentors' from now on) makes an incredible difference in the lives of those they mentor (called a 'protégé'). Their input can be the difference between life and death; gain and loss; restoration or destruction; success or failure. Even more important, they can be the vehicle for the protégé's rise to a place of Kingdom significance.

Mike Murdock in one of his books of 'The Laws of Life Series' outlines the wisdom of the Kingdom that is available to us. He lists² the following as 12 important points about a Kingdom mentor. They:

1. Are the master key to the success of their protégé.
2. Transfer wisdom through their relationship.
3. Bring about the promotion of the protégé.
4. Can determine the wealth of the protégé.
5. Will become the enemy to the protégé's enemies.
6. Can paralyse the protégé's enemies.
7. Can cause influential people to listen to the protégé.
8. Must be pursued for their wisdom.
9. Are more interested in the success of the protégé than their affection.
10. Are not necessarily the protégé's best friend.
11. Can see things the protégé can't see.
12. Are able to produce an uncommon protégé.

So the all-important message here is to spend as much time with the Kingdom mentor that Father has supplied for you. Invest in a relationship with your mentor and protect that relationship at all costs. If you don't have a mentor, ask him for one – that's godly wisdom.

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1 – Ephesians 1:17; 1 Corinthians 2:13, 12:18; John 14:26

2 – Mike Murdock (2007) "The Law of Recognition", The Wisdom Centre: Fort Worth Texas p:33-35