

## MENTORING: The Uncommon Protégé

To successfully learn wisdom from a mentoring elder, a disciple/student (more accurately called a protégé) needs to be an enthusiastic learner. It is only through this attitude that the wisdom of the mentor can be inculcated into the protégé. What the mentor is wanting to achieve through their training is the perpetuation of themselves in the form of a successor – they are wanting to reproduce themselves. This reproductive process can only be successful for a gifted mentor when the protégé enters into the replication wholeheartedly.

Mike Murdock in one of his books of ‘The Laws of Life Series’ lists 5 types of protégés, only one of which will be effective in maturing completely.

*“Passive Protégés only reach [for a mentor] when it is convenient or when their personal efforts do not produce their desired result. They subconsciously expect their Mentor to produce success for them.*

*Parasite Protégés pursue for credibility, not correction. They will use the name and influence of a Mentor to manipulate others into a relationship. They want what the Mentor has earned, not what he has learned. They want reputation without preparation.*

*Prodigal Protégés enter and exit the relationship freely. When serious correction occurs, they move toward another Mentor who has not yet discovered their flaws. They distance themselves when their Mentor encounters personal difficulties, loss of credibility or false accusation or persecution. They only return when their pigpen becomes unbearable.*

*Productive Protégés are uncommon. They have a servant's heart. They never make a major decision without the counsel and feedback of their Mentor. They view their Mentor as a dominant gift from God. They love their Mentor as much as themselves.*

*The Uncommon Protégé assigned by God will honor the Mentor.”<sup>1</sup>*

Mike outlines the way to receive the wisdom of the Kingdom from a mentor. He lists<sup>2</sup> the following 9 important points about a Kingdom protégé (he uses the expression ‘uncommon protégé’) that assist in bringing about this transfer to the next generation.

A protégé:

1. Will invest everything to stay in the presence of their mentor.
2. Will change their own schedule to spend time with their mentor.
3. Follows the counsel of their mentor.
4. Discloses the dreams of the heart and their secrets to their mentor.
5. Discusses their mistakes and difficulties freely with their mentor.
6. Have clearly defined expectations with their mentor.
7. Happily sows back into the life of their mentor in various ways.
8. Will ultimately receive from their mentor the mantle they carry.
9. Seeks the shelter of their mentor in times of attack and difficulty.

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1 – Mike Murdock (2007) “The Law of Recognition”, The Wisdom Centre: Fort Worth Texas p:37-38

2 – Mike Murdock (2007) “The Law of Recognition”, The Wisdom Centre: Fort Worth Texas p:38-40

The productive protégé so values their relationship with their mentor that they guard and perpetuate this relationship in the following ways<sup>3</sup>:

1. They want to learn from their mentor.
2. They don't allow a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to damage or destroy the relationship.
3. They ask questions of their mentor to gain the knowledge they are seeking.
4. They accept that their mentor is qualified to impart wisdom, knowledge and understanding to them.
5. They don't withdraw from their mentor by allowing their own goals to be superior to their mentor's goals.
6. They don't become discouraged when their mentor expresses disappointment in them.
7. They allow their mentor to correct them rather than God doing so through painful experiences.
8. They accept that repetition is required for them to learn from their mentor.
9. They don't desire to become the confidante of their mentor.
10. They recognise over time that an inner contentment will come from the mentoring.
11. They recognise that the greatest quality for success is the willingness to 'become'.

So the all-important message here is a change of attitude to becoming a productive protégé, one who values their mentor and what their mentor has to impart. These protégés cherish their mentoring relationship and maintain it at all costs. Discipline and correction in this loving and safe environment becomes desirable so that growth and transformation takes place.

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3 – Summarised from “The Law of Recognition” p:41-42