Mentoring

The gift of mentoring is the ability to guide and care for other Christians over time as they mature in faith.

Scriptural References


Biblical Models

Moses, Elijah, Mordecai, Jesus, Paul, Barnabus, Priscilla and Aquila, Lois and Eunice

People with this gift can

• Take responsibility to nurture a person in their walk with God.
• Provide guidance and support to a group of developing believers.
• Earn trust and confidence through long-term relationships.
• Develop the gift of mentoring in others.

Cautions

• May lead groups that have difficulty integrating new members.
• May be tempted to abuse the trust placed in them.
• May need to learn when to let go of the “mentor” role.
• May need to be careful to set appropriate personal boundaries; to say “No.”

Personal Traits

• Nurturing
• Loving
• Guiding
• Protective
• Supportive
• Influencing
• Role Modeling

Tips for nurturing this gift

• Know all the Spirit given gifts and be able to help others recognize their own gifts.
• Develop counselling skills.
• Maintain a rich, broad, balanced life of faith in order to maintain your own health and be better able to respond to a wider variety of people and their areas for growth.

Possible Tasks

• Spirit Given gift counsellor, youth and young adult ministry, small group leader, …

Not to be confused with the responsibility of all Christians to …

Set an example.