



FOLLOWING JESUS BY HELPING OTHERS FOLLOW JESUS

Nine Types of Mentors

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Active Role

Discipler:

train one in the basics of the faith

|| Timothy 2:2, 3:14-15

II Timothy 3:14-15

You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Active Role

Spiritual:

prayer and listening to the Lord

Acts 21:4, 9-14

Acts 21:4, 13

After looking up the disciples, we stayed there seven days; and they kept telling Paul through the Spirit not to set foot in Jerusalem...

Acts 21:4, 13

...Then Paul answered, “What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but even to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.” And since he would not be persuaded, we fell silent, remarking, “The will of the Lord be done!”

Active Role

Coach: skill formation

Acts 11:25-26, 12:25, 15:36-41,
II Timothy 4:11

Acts 11:25- 26

And he(Barnabas) left for Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch.

And for an entire year they met with the church and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

Occasional Role

Counselor: for emotional and psychological growth. Acts 27:3, 23-25, I Corinthians 16:18, II Timothy 1:16

II Timothy 1:16

“The Lord grant mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains...”

Occasional Role

Teacher:

gain knowledge from the Bible

Acts 18:24-26, 20:27, 28:30-31

Acts 18:24-26

Now a Jew named Apollos... and he was mighty in the Scriptures...being acquainted only with the baptism of John; and he began to speak out boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

Occasional Role

Sponsor: supports a person to help them grow and find their fit in the Body of Christ. Acts 9:26-27, 16:14-15

Acts 9:26-27

When he came to Jerusalem, he was trying to associate with the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took hold of him and brought him to the apostles and described to them how he had seen the Lord on the road...

Passive Role

Contemporary models:
those we may watch on video
or read their books

Passive Role

**Historical: learn from their
writings and testimony**

Acts 2:16, 26:22

Jeremiah 23:36

“For you will no longer remember the oracle of the LORD, because every man’s own word will become the oracle, and you have perverted the words of the living God, the LORD of hosts, our God.”

Passive Role

Divine contact: people God used expectantly to bring His truth and encouragement to your life.

Acts 11:28, 23:11, 16

Acts 23:11, 16

But on the night immediately following, the Lord stood at his side and said, “Take courage; for as you have solemnly witnessed to My cause at Jerusalem, so you must witness at Rome also.” But the son of Paul’s sister heard of their ambush, and he came and entered the barracks and told Paul.

Discussion Questions

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