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## Marks of a Mentor

1 Corinthians 4:14-21



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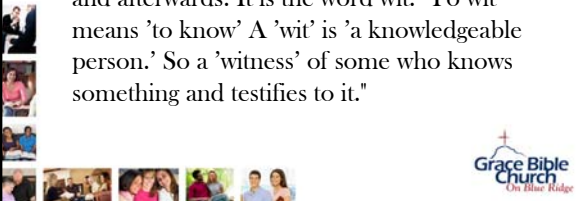
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## Witness or Witless?

- "Our English word witness comes from an Old English word we do not use very much anymore but we used it in Elizabethan times and afterwards. It is the word wit. 'To wit' means 'to know' A 'wit' is 'a knowledgeable person.' So a 'witness' of someone who knows something and testifies to it."



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Mentoring is imparting truth  
by demonstration!



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No one can sum up all God is able  
to accomplish through one solitary  
life, wholly yielded, adjusted, and  
obedient to Him. D.L.Moody



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**Speaks the Truth 14**

- Not to wear you down! Entropy
  - there are gaps & gaffs
  - there are growth opportunities
- Put in mind! Nouthetic counseling
  - Contrast to current state
  - Challenge to desired state





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 INSTITUTE FOR NOUTHETIC STUDIES **Dr. Jay Adams**

*Nouthetic counseling consists of lovingly confronting people out of deep concern in order to help them make those changes that God requires.*


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Until you have given up your self to Him you will not have a real self...  
 C.S. Lewis


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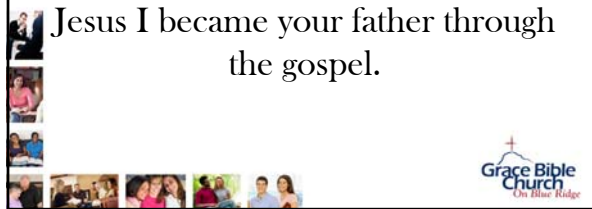
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15 For if you were to have countless tutors in Christ, yet you would not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.



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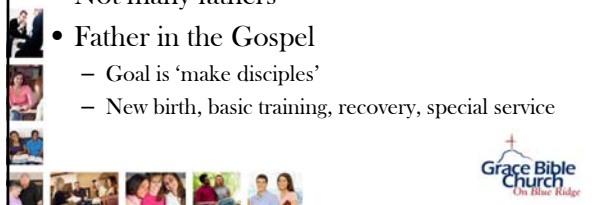
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**Gives the Heart 14,15**

- Beloved Children
- Myriad of teachers
- Not many fathers
- Father in the Gospel
  - Goal is ‘make disciples’
  - New birth, basic training, recovery, special service



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Those who teach by their doctrine must teach by their life, or else they pull down with one hand what they build up with the other.  
Matthew Henry



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16 Therefore I exhort you, be imitators of me.



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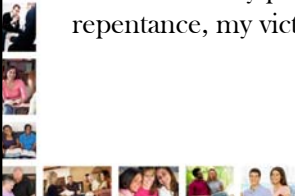
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**Forges the Trail 16**

- Therefore, as a spiritual father...
- Follow me!
- Mimic me - my pursuits, my growth, my repentance, my victories



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I dare not say with Paul that I am the slave of Christ, but my highest aspiration and desire is to be the slave of Christ.  
George MacDonald



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There is no peace in the border lands. The halfway Christian is a torment to himself and of no benefit to others.



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**Opens Doors 17**

- Matching needs to supply
- Plan given to Timothy - 2 Timothy 2:2 -  
*"What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."*
- Learn - Grow - Teach!


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Richard Baxter, the Puritan preacher of the 17th century conveys the urgency, the zeal of Christian witness when he said,  
*"I preached as never sure to preach again, and as a dying man to dying men!"*


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"Better to give a year or so to one or two men who learn what it means to conquer for Christ than to spend a lifetime with a congregation just keeping the program going."  
 Robert Coleman


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### Shares Wisdom 17

- Remind - hear it again!
- Ways in Christ - knowledge + experience
- Teaching: the core in every church everywhere!
- Teaching is not complete until student is teaching!



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Only a disciple can make a disciple.  
A.W. Tozer



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18 Now some have become arrogant, as though I were not coming to you.



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19 But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I shall find out, not the words of those who are arrogant but their power.



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20 For the kingdom of God does not consist in words but in power.



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21 What do you desire? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love and a spirit of gentleness?


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**Kick in the pants! 18-21**

- True arrogance - words are enough!
- Words weigh nothing!
- Kingdom is outcome! Never just words.
- What will it take?
  - Corrective rod
  - Gentle & loving spirit


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Sometimes we don't need another chance to express how we feel or to ask someone to understand our situation. Sometimes we just need a firm kick in the pants. An unsmiling expectation that if we mean all these wonderful things we talk about and sing about, then lets see something to prove it.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer


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Mountain Shopping  
by Caleb (Josh 14)

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 is always  
 Christianity without Christ.  
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