

Go Mentor by Quin Sherrer

Paul wrote: “**What you learned and received, heard and saw in me, these do.**” (Phil: 3:8)

Peter advised: “**As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.**” (1 Peter 4:10 NKJV)

Wouldn't our sphere of influence be enriched if each of us would earnestly disciple/mentor another person? Just to encourage someone in practical and spiritual ways, passing down our experience, knowledge, and wisdom on a one-on-one basis? Pray about such a possibility.

My first advice: Be yourself, using your own special gifts. Don't be afraid to disciple/mentor out of your own trials and failures as well as your triumphs. Thank God every day for the creative gifts He has put within you and be a good steward of them.

Mentor, Secular definition: A **mentor** is an advisor or coach for someone less experienced--- providing expertise, guidance, advice and knowledge from a more experienced perspective. They usually use their understanding of the mentee's needs and, using their own personal experience, endeavor to help him/her improve.

Here's what I suggest (eventually they will achieve these goals):

1. Have a prayer partner you pray with on a regular basis.
2. Be filled with the Holy Spirit and know how to pray for someone else to receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit.
3. Learn to tell your testimony --in ten minutes, five minutes, one minute. Practice before a mirror until you have it in your mind. Do not disclose secrets of your family without permission).
4. Teach what you know about Spiritual Warfare to those interested--but be selective. (Share prayers in back of this WGSW book)

You will set your own mentoring guidelines, but some I have used include: Discuss goals with your mentee. What does she/he want to learn from you? Decide when and how often you will be in contact (once a week, once a month?). Will you study a certain book? Does mentee need to purchase special tools to learn/improve a skill you will be teaching? Pray for those you mentor as they learn to apply new things. Teach in such a way that each person can later mentor others. Make it a fun learning experience too.

Holy Spirit Teaching: If you have truly been born again, it was the Holy Spirit who convicted you of sin, revealed to you the truth of the gospel and drew you into a relationship with Christ. The Holy Spirit is definitely with you from the time of your conversion, Yet the baptism in the Holy Spirit we are speaking of here is subsequent to the salvation experience.

Just before He ascended to heaven, Jesus told His followers: “John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now...But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth”...And they [in the upper room] were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterances (Acts 1:5,8; 2:4).

Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed? Paul asked this of the believers at Ephesus, and learned they were ignorant about the Holy Spirit. “When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.” (Acts 19:2,6).

Today many believe that miraculous signs recorded in Scripture, such as speaking in tongues or healing, were only for the early Church. Lack of understanding, or fear of intimidation from others keep many people from receiving God’s gifts. The Holy Spirit responds to invitations. If you hunger for more of God, you can pray a prayer similar to this one and receive His gift.

PRAYER: Father, I acknowledge Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I ask You to forgive me for my sins: the wrong things I have done and things I have failed to do—the things I remember and those I don’t. I choose to forgive all who have hurt or wounded me. If I have ever been involved in the occult, knowingly or unknowingly (read my horoscope, played magic games, etc.) forgive me. I renounce the devil and all his works. If I have joked or mocked those who spoke in tongues and grieved the Holy Spirit, forgive me. Now I receive Your forgiveness. And I ask for the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the ability to pray in tongues. I receive in faith with thanksgiving, Amen.

Now open your mouth and begin to speak in the syllables the Holy Spirit gives you to say. Your lips may begin to tremble or your tongue stammer. But don’t be fearful, just begin to speak out the sounds, though they may sound strange to you. Try singing the simple chorus “Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia” and then sing syllables to that tune as the Holy Spirit enables you.

Use your prayer language every day. It helps you keep in touch with the Lord and strengthens your spiritual life. The Holy Spirit is available to empower us to spread the Gospel, to strengthen and guide our private prayer times, and to deepen our understanding of Scripture.

Functions of the Holy Spirit:- * **Confirms our salvation:** Romans 8:16; 1 John 3:24; 4:13; * **Gives life:** Romans 8:5-11; * **Gives joy:** Acts 13:52; Romans 14:17; * **Gives hope:** Romans 15:13; 1 Thessalonians 1:6; * **Liberates:** Romans 8:1-2; * **Gives strength to overcome sin:** Romans 8:9-11; Gal 5:16 * **Seals our inheritance in Christ:** 1 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:13-14; * **Speaks through us:** Matthew 10:19-20; * **Teaches:** Luke 12:12; John 14:26; 1 Corinthians 2:13; * **Comforts:** John 14:16 (KJV); * **Testifies of Jesus:** John 15:26; 1 John 5:6; * **Convicts of sin:** John 16:7-8; * **Speaks & guides:** John 16:13, Acts 10:19; 16:6, Romans 8:14; * **Empowers to witness:** Luke 4:14; Acts 1:8; 1 Peter 1:12; * **Enables to speak with tongues:** Acts 2:4; 19:6; * **Strengthens and encourages:** Acts 9:31; * **Loves through us:** Romans 5:5; * **Produces righteous fruit:** Galatians 5:22-23; * **Helps us pray:** Romans 8:26-27; 1 Corinthians 14:15; * **Helps us worship:** Ephesians 5:18-19; Philippians 3:3; * **Reveals the things of God:** 1 Corinthians 2:9-10; * **Gives spiritual gifts:** 1 Corinthians 12:7-11; * **Edifies our spirits:** 1 Corinthians 14:2,4; Ephesians 3:16; Jude 1:18-20; * **Unites believers:** Philippians 2:1-2; Ephesians 4:3-4.

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