



Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Mat 5

TIPS for Mentoring New Leaders

Train new leaders "behind the scenes", as did Aquila and Priscilla with Apollos (Acts 18:24-28). Allow the mentees to "shine". Allow them to take risks, as they lead their flocks.

Like a relay race, pass on to others the apostolic baton of authority, message and responsibility, as Paul did. Keep the baton "light". Make the Lord's work easy to "pick up" and pass on to others.

Do not focus on the trainee alone but also focus on the flock that he shepherds.

Model your life and godliness, so that trainees can imitate.

Evaluate your ministry and that of your trainees by results seen in students' lives and families, not only by examination marks or cerebral capacity.

Pray for your mentees daily.



Common Errors

Failing to pass the baton soon enough, controlling too much and too long.

Using equipment that is too expensive or sophisticated.

Being so generous with outside funds that believers who depend on them fail to depend on God.

Using teaching and worship styles that require education that national leaders lack. Regrettably, in some pioneer fields, new leaders receive no mentoring from servant-leaders, rather, they are sent off, at high cost, to theological schools.



Remember, Disciple making is not simply one-on-one. While doing so is not prohibited, do as Jesus did who normally worked with twelve, sometimes three and on rare occasions, one. Disciple making is not merely helping new believers in their spiritual life nor is it teaching biblical doctrines. Jesus and his Apostles made disciples of strong leaders as well as seekers, new believers, and growing saints, both by teaching them and by modeling Kingdom life and skills. Instead, New Testament disciple-making must prove highly relational.



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