

Men of Iron

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I. Introduction.

- A. Mentoring can be extremely powerful.
- B. Regardless of success or failure, you can commit to being your kids mentors.

II. Principles of mentoring.

- A. Be an available pace setter.
- B. Accountability, availability and honesty are keys to mentoring. (Mark 3:14)
- C. There is no step by step process. Mentoring demands creativity.
- D. Mentoring includes life investment and teaching out of the book.
- E. Mentoring takes place whether you want it to or not.
- F. Jesus and Paul were intentional about their discipling. (John 17:6; Acts 9; 15; 20:1; Philippians 3:17; 4:9; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-9; 1 Corinthians 4:15-16)

III. Practical suggestions for mentoring.

- A. Take someone to lunch.
- B. Visit someone's house.
- C. Investigate spiritual interest.
- D. Give a person yourself.
- E. Allow a person to leave.
- G. Give a man practical projects.
- H. Establish accountability as the relationship grows.
- I. Seek to be a servant. (Mark 10:45; John 13:34-35)
- J. Give them opportunities to be faithful in little things. (Luke 16:10)
- K. Consider future generations. (Isaiah 58:12; 8:16; Psalm 71:18, 8-9; 91:12-14; Revelation 14:13; Hebrews 11:4; Isaiah 43:4)

IV. Methods of help.

- A. Come see.

- B. Show them how.
- C. Come with me: let them do it.
- D. Remain in me: release and deploy.

V. Mentoring is an investment that lasts for eternity.

VI. Mentoring involves skill.

VII. A certain kind of man is needed for mentoring.

A. Iron men are under attack. (Ephesians 6:11-12)

- 1. We have superior weapons. (2 Corinthians 4:5)
- 2. Our order are to attack. (Matthew 16)

B. Iron men recruit by prayer and example. (Matthew 9:36-38)

C. Iron men understand the mission. (1Timothy 1:15; John 16:8; 15:14; Acts 1:8)

D. Iron men are equipped for the mission when we become more like Jesus in part through adversity. (Romans 8:29; Ephesians 4:13; John 16:33; 2 Timothy 3:12)

E. Iron men are committed to accomplishing the objective.

F. Iron men have things decided such as the commitment to die right over living wrong.

G. Iron men are willing to see others advance at their expense. (2 Corinthians 13:7-9; Hebrews 11:26)

H. Iron men have around them men of iron. (Proverbs 27:17; 13:20; 1 Corinthians 15:33; 11:1; Philippians 4:9; Psalm 114:4; 1 Timothy 1:18-19)

Application questions:

1. What tip did you find most valuable for mentoring?

2. In what ways does the portrait of the iron man show us the objective of mentoring?

3. What will you do to establish yourself more and more as an iron man?
