

PROFILE OF A MENTEE

A 'mentee' can be defined as someone whose well-being, training, or career is promoted by an influential person – their mentor.

Each mentee and their story will be unique.

Your mentee could be a teen, a young adult or an older adult. They could be feeling overwhelmed with life's challenges or they could be seeking direction as they face new opportunities.

They could be discouraged, or they could be excited. They could be looking for discipleship training or be ready to serve. They could be a leader of leaders or a new team member. They could be in the church or in the community.

God could bring to you a young man or woman who is about to graduate from college or university and they are feeling alone and unsure of themselves.

Or a high school student who is feeling extreme peer pressure and needs an adult to give them some reassurance of God's direction.

Or a graduate from an addiction recovery program who needs some help getting started in a new life, with encouragement to remain strong and stable.

Or an entrepreneur who needs a mentor. Or a successful professional who needs personal encouragement and spiritual direction.

Or a young mother at home with her children who needs wisdom from someone who has been on that journey before her.

In any of these cases, as a mentor you could encourage them, pray with them, and share with them godly wisdom according to their need.

Are there other profiles you would be interested in supporting?

PROFILE OF A LEGACY MENTOR

Legacy Mentors love and follow Jesus and help others do the same. They strengthen others and encourage them to be true to their faith (Acts 14:21,22; 1 Thessalonians 2:11,12). They bring to their mentees their own life experience and knowledge of the Lord, with wisdom and love. They support their mentees by listening, encouraging and equipping.

One definition of 'mentor' is "a wise and trusted counsellor or teacher." Since the Bible says that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and that all Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, a truly wise Legacy Mentor will be immersed in Scripture and living it out on a daily basis. As they encourage and equip the next generation, they leave a lasting influence by lovingly investing in the lives of others. The return on their investment is eternal treasures in heaven.

Paul and Barnabas are examples of godly mentors. The Holy Spirit is the great "Paraklete" – one who comes alongside to comfort, guide, encourage, warn, challenge, and teach. May each of us be a little "paraklete" in Jesus' name, for our Father's pleasure, as we depend on the Holy Spirit for wisdom, grace and courage.

Legacy Mentors are investors with an eternal perspective. They live in the awareness of Jesus and His majesty, His sovereignty, His authority, His compassion, His plan of salvation, His creation, His coming kingdom, His sorrow, His joy, His beauty, His worthiness of worship, His truth, and His proprietary claim to being the one and only eternal 'I AM.'

Legacy Mentors are in the process of personal growth. They choose again and again to bring their focus back to God's Personality, Purposes and Plans. They aim to put everyday concerns against the backdrop of God's agenda.

They encourage others to engage in big picture living with Christ at the centre. They invest their time, knowledge, skills and experience in the life of an individual coming up behind them on the journey of life.

Legacy Mentors are all ages from mature young adults to semi-retired and retired adults, from all walks of life.

Key qualities of a Legacy Mentor:

- ◇ a humble heart surrendered to Christ
- ◇ a heart of love for God and people
- ◇ motivation to make a difference
- ◇ a morally upright lifestyle
- ◇ a desire for lifelong learning
- ◇ a servant heart
- ◇ a confidence in God's Power and Presence
- ◇ a firm stand on the Word of God
- ◇ a focus on the best interests of the mentee

Notice that this list does not include a superior intellect, an academic degree, financial wealth, a prestigious position, or perfection. It does include humble heart attitudes, an honourable lifestyle and a commitment to following Jesus as Saviour and Lord. You may not have a Master's degree, but you are called by the Master! And that is the highest calling of all!