

Being Mentored

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Overview

- ➔ Why this is the most important presentation since the last one you heard
- ➔ Mentoring in Scripture
- ➔ Cultural Mentor
- ➔ Spiritual Mentor
- ➔ Work Mentor
- ➔ Moving from dementee to dementor



This is Important

- ➔ What is missing from books, large group presentations, classes, etc.?
- ➔ Why is this critical for your particular work?
- ➔ So what do you need to do to make the most of a mentorship relationship?
- ➔ You need mentoring because your work will be *unique*

“I have come to the conclusion that forming people for mission is an activity that should take place within the frame of a “person-to-person” relationship.”

- *Samuel Escobar, Latin American Missionary*



1 Corinthians vs. 1 Timothy

- ➔ 1 Cor. 1:18-25
 - Applicable to the whole congregation
 - Useful, but not specific
- ➔ 1 Timothy 1:3-7
 - A charge for Timothy alone
 - How to deal with his situation
- ➔ Jesus mentored the three, and then the twelve, while also teaching the crowds
- ➔ Paul mentored leaders like Timothy while also leading congregations

“Mentoring is a relationship through which one person empowers another by sharing God-given resources.”

- *Robert Clinton, Connecting*

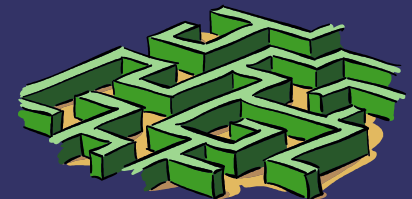
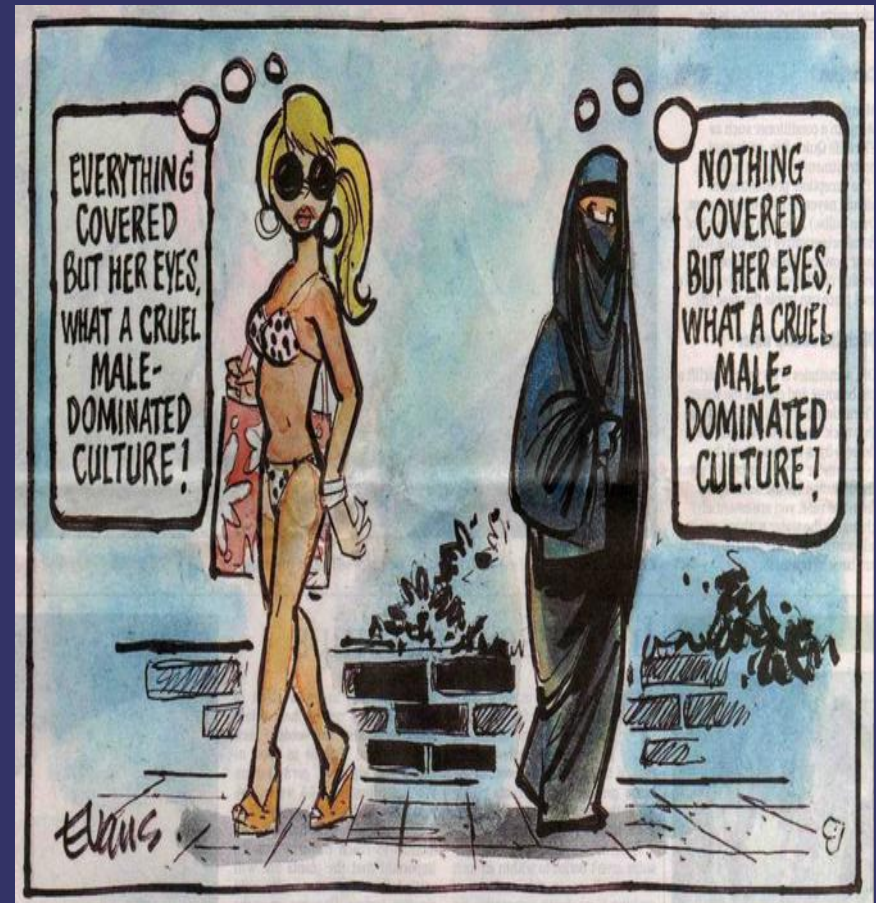


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Cultural Mentor

- ➔ Navigating a new culture
 - Your mentoring manual
 - ILLUS: My dad
- ➔ Learning a new language
 - What to do when you're stuck
 - ILLUS: Former colleague
- ➔ Assessing Culture Shock
 - Is it happening to YOU?
 - Or is it something else?
 - ILLUS: It CAN be something else :-)



Spiritual Mentor

- ➔ Are you reading Scripture?
 - God speaks through His Word
 - What new passages will you need?
 - Isaiah 43:1-7, Luke 9:51-56
- ➔ Are you receiving absolution?
 - You will feel guilty:
 - The Devil's greatest tool
- ➔ Are people praying with you?
 - Sometimes we have no words
 - The Spirit sends those who can pray for/with

Keep looking...



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“Work” Mentor

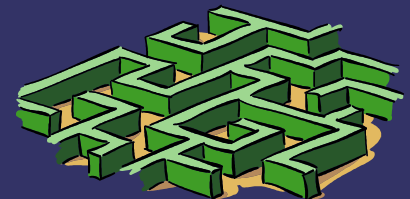
- ➔ What should I be doing NOW?
 - What you want to do is not always what you should be doing
 - “What did YOU do?” “What ARE you doing?”
- ➔ What should I be doing NEXT?
 - Keeping you on track and motivated
 - A cheer leader, advisor, and drill sergeant
- ➔ Prov: 1:7, 18:2, 28:26

“MENTORING IS A BRAIN TO PICK, AN EAR TO LISTEN, AND A PUSH IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.”

JOHN C. CROSBY

From Dementee to Dementor

- ➔ Who will be mentoring YOU?
 - You should have a formal mentor assigned to you
 - Who might be informally mentoring you?
- ➔ Who will YOU mentor?
 - A new colleague in your field?
 - A new Christian with leadership potential?
- ➔ 2 Timothy 2:2
- ➔ Titus 2:6-8



Go Ye, therefore, and be mentored and be mentoring others in the Gospel and service of Christ!

