



MASTERCLASS

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How to Find a Mentor *The Keys to an Effective Mentoring Relationship*

Course Syllabus

I. Course Description:

Do I really need a mentor? What types of mentors are there? Where do I find a mentor that works for me? How can I avoid the pitfalls of mentor-mentee relationships?

This class will underscore the necessity of having a mentor. Mentors are essential for growth, development, success, and advisement when starting new initiatives or reaching goals. There are many areas in our lives where we need outside help to improve and there are just as many mentors: Life Coaches, Sponsors, Spiritual Fathers, Marriage Mentors are just a few.

In this class, we will explore the theoretical and theological underpinnings of mentorship as well as practical guides, tools, testimonies, case studies, and resources. We pray that this course, through the power of the Holy Spirit, will encourage you to find a mentor who will encourage you to pursue your God-given passions, goals, and dreams and equip you to realize God's best for you in every area of your life (John 10:10).

II. Course Objectives:

- A. Students will become conversant regarding the basic theological structures, theories, and practices of mentoring by viewing video presentations, engaging with guest facilitators, reading assigned articles, completing assignments, and interacting with other Class Participants.
- B. Class Participants will understand both the traditional theories and current trends of mentoring. They will be familiar with the terminology surrounding mentoring, as well as the various types of mentors.
- C. Students will understand how God uses others through the process of discipleship and mentoring to refine us. Without these valuable people in our lives, we will severely hinder our spiritual formation and limit our potential.
- D. Students will identify the areas in their lives where they need mentoring and be inspired to pursue mentors in each of these areas

- E. Students will be equipped with the tools to courageously start a mentoring relationship.

III. Course Requirements:

- Reading:
Assigned Articles
Bible (NASB version preferred, The Message version is helpful for easy reading)
- Video Sessions: As Assigned
- Interactions: Zoom Conversations (Master Chats)

IV. Resources:

- Primary:
Rolfe, Ann. *Mentoring: Mindset, Skills and Tools. 4th ed.*, Mentoring Works, 2021.
- Secondary:
Zachary, Lois J. *The Mentor's Guide: Facilitating Effective Learning Relationships.* Jossey-Bass, 2012.

V. Course Policies

- Class Participation
This is an interactive communal learning experience. All students should insert themselves into the flow of the discussion and actively participate in group discussions. Questions are encouraged and welcomed!
- Absences:
Attendance will be taken at the beginning of every class. Students are expected to attend every scheduled class session. It is the student's responsibility to notify the designated course administrators to obtain missing information if they are unable to attend the scheduled class session.

VI. Course Schedule

No.	Date	Lecture/Discussion	Assignments Due/ Virtual Discussions
1	Mon Sep 13	Lesson 1: <i>How to Find a Spiritual Father</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> View Video: Finding a Career Mentor Complete Assignment #1 Finding a Finding a Career Mentor
2	Wed Sep 15	Lesson 2: <i>How to Find a Career Mentor</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> View Video: Finding a Life Coach Complete Assignment #2 Finding a Life Coach
3	Fri Sep 17	Master Chat #1 (<i>Zoom Discussion</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend Zoom Discussion of Assignments 1-2 6-7p CST
4	Mon Sep 20	Lesson 3: <i>How to Find a Marriage Mentor</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> View Video: Finding a Marriage Mentor Complete Assignment #3 Finding a Marriage Mentor Exercises
5	Wed Sep 22	Lesson 4: <i>How to Find a Life Coach</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> View Video: Finding a Spiritual Father Complete Assignment #4 Finding a Life Coach Exercises
6	Fri Sep 24	Master Chat #2 (<i>Zoom Discussion</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend Zoom Discussion of Assignments 3-4 6-7p CST