

# Walking Life with Youth

*Mentoring Approaches and Strategies*



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# “God’s Hood”



**Humboldt Park**

# MENTORING:



What comes to mind when you hear the word “Mentoring?”

How do you define it?

What key words/phrases come to mind?

# MENTORING:

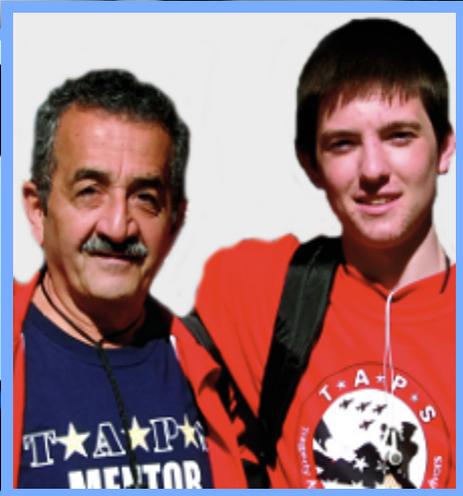


## **MERRIAM WEBSTER:**

Someone who teaches or gives help and advice to a less experienced and often younger person.

## **DICTIONARY.COM:**

1. a wise and trusted counselor or teacher      2.  
an influential senior sponsor or supporter



## **OXFORD DICTIONARIES:**

An experienced and trusted adviser

# MENTORING:



## **AMY “Hope Dealer” WILLIAMS:**

Walking life with young people as they journey on their way to discovering

- **WHO** they are in this world...
- **WHY** they matter...
- **WHAT** their God given purpose is!

# MENTORING:



The essence of mentoring  
is the sustained  
human relationship

- Developing a healthy relationship is more important than teaching specific principles or ideas
- Mentoring has more to do with WHO you are than WHAT you do

# GOOD ADVICE:



*It is more appropriate for a mentor to act as a **resource broker** and show the mentee how to access the services and resources he or she needs than to provide certain professional services.*

WHAT I FEEL  
LIKE WHEN  
I RUN...



WHAT I'M PRETTY SURE I ACTUALLY  
LOOK LIKE...



# WHAT IS MISSING

*with this generation of mentors*



- Lack of active listening
- Lack of understanding our role
- Lack of authenticity
- Lack of “realness” about this Christian walk
- Too much control; arrogance

# INEFFECTIVE MENTORS



- Emphasize behavior changes over development of mutual trust and respect.
- Attempt to transform or reform the youth by setting goals and tasks early on; adopt a parental or authoritative role in interaction with the youth.
- Have difficulty meeting the youth on a regular basis; demand that the youth play an equal role in initiating contact.
- Attempt to instill a set of values inconsistent with those the youth is exposed to at home.
- Don't allow youth to make mistakes without condemning them or reminding them
- Force feed “religion and Jesus” when not ready



# **WHEN MENTORING** *goes really well...*

Approaches and Strategies

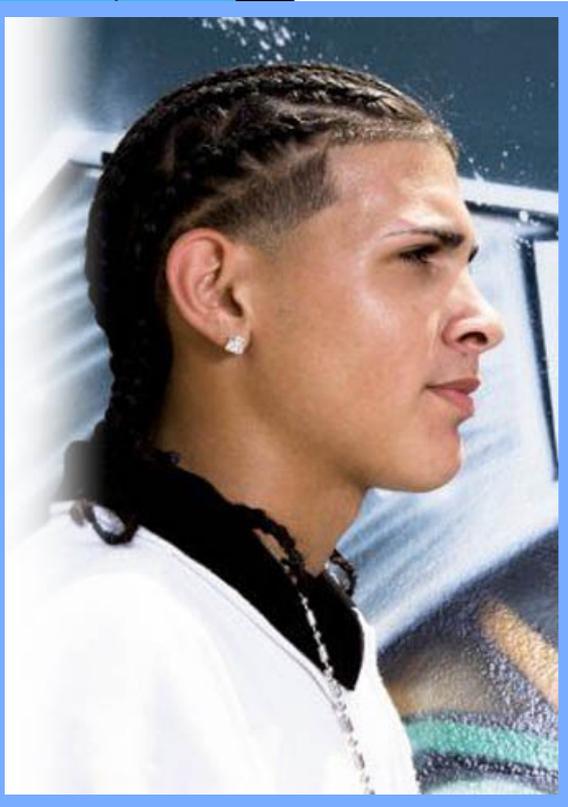




**“Children do not care  
how much you know  
until they know how  
much you care”**

# IMPACTFUL MENTORS

*understand that...*



What I do is more about  
**building trust and  
developing a strong  
relationship**  
than it is about  
answering questions.

Let them  
have mercy on them.  
Yes, turn to our God, for he will  
forgive generously.

8 "My thoughts are nothing like your  
thoughts," says the LORD.

"And my ways are far beyond  
anything you could imagine.

9 For just as the heavens are higher than  
the earth,

so my ways are higher than  
your ways

higher than

# IMPACTFUL MENTORS

*understand that...*



Mentoring is about  
allowing GOD to shape  
and mold our youth...  
we just join the journey!



*The mind is not a vessel  
to be filled, but a fire to be  
kindled.*

Plutarch



# IMPACTFUL MENTORS

*understand...*



Mentors allow youth to  
Think...  
Explore...  
Discover...

in a safe place where they  
can fail and still feel  
valued and worthy!

# IMPACTFUL MENTORS

*understand...*



## Giving Advice

- Youth is passive, possibly resistant
- Cuts off further exploration of problem
- Often premature
- Youth doesn't learn
- Can impose mentor's solution on youth's problem
- Does not encourage self-esteem

## Youth Solving Problems

- Active youth
- Opens lines of communication
- Youth learn
- Solution belongs to youth
- Fosters self-esteem

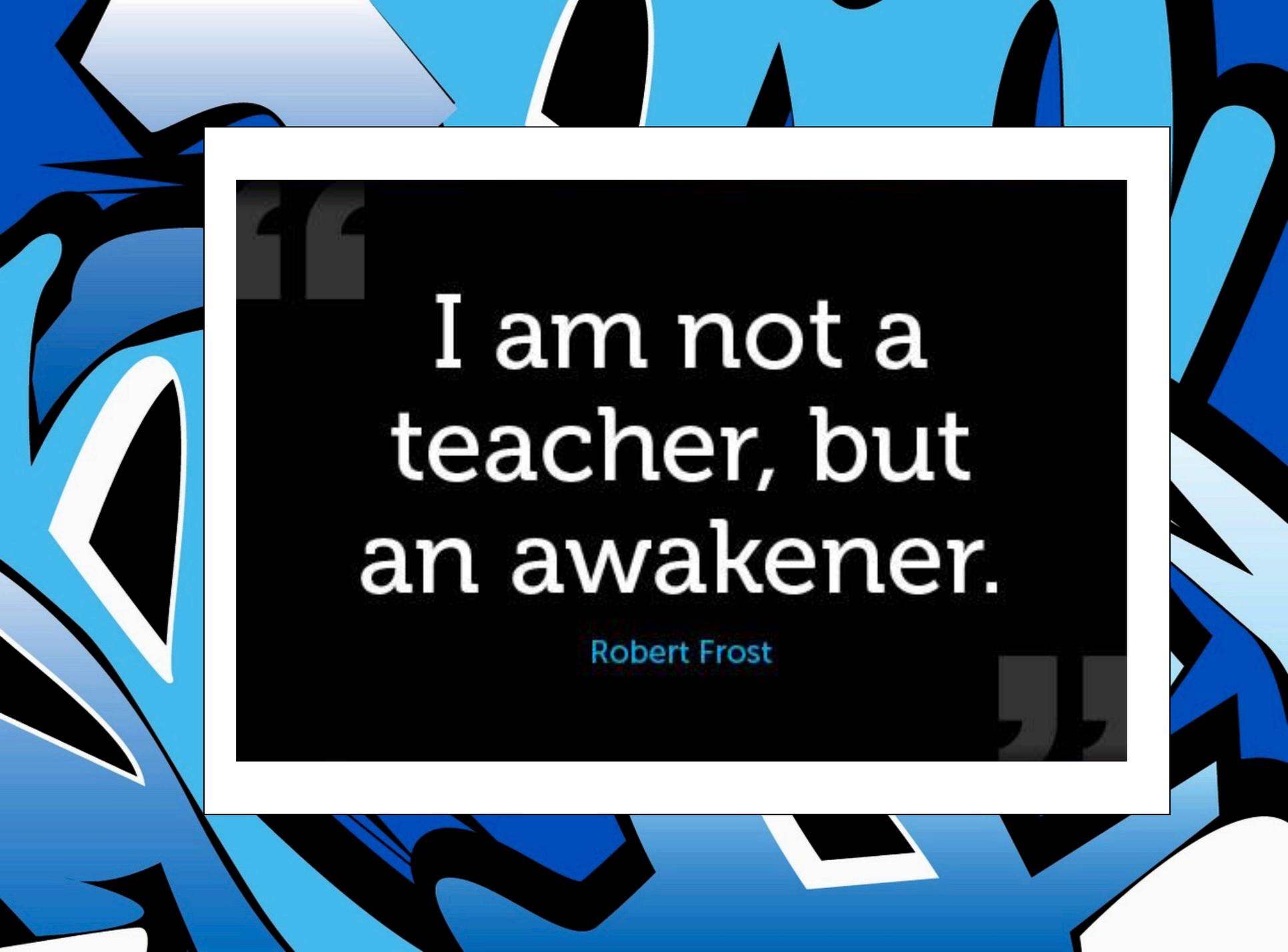
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## When is Giving Advice Appropriate

- If the mentor is an expert in a particular field, the youth may benefit from the mentor's specific knowledge and advice.
- If the youth is “stuck” after going through the problem-solving process, mentor can give advice about how to proceed.
- When sharing your own experiences that will help youth reach a solution



I am not a  
teacher, but  
an awakener.

Robert Frost

# IMPACTFUL MENTORS

*understand that...*



They are called to

**INSPIRE**

young people...  
and believe in them even  
when they can't believe  
in themselves.



“Children must be  
taught how to **think**,  
not what to **think**.”

Margaret Mead

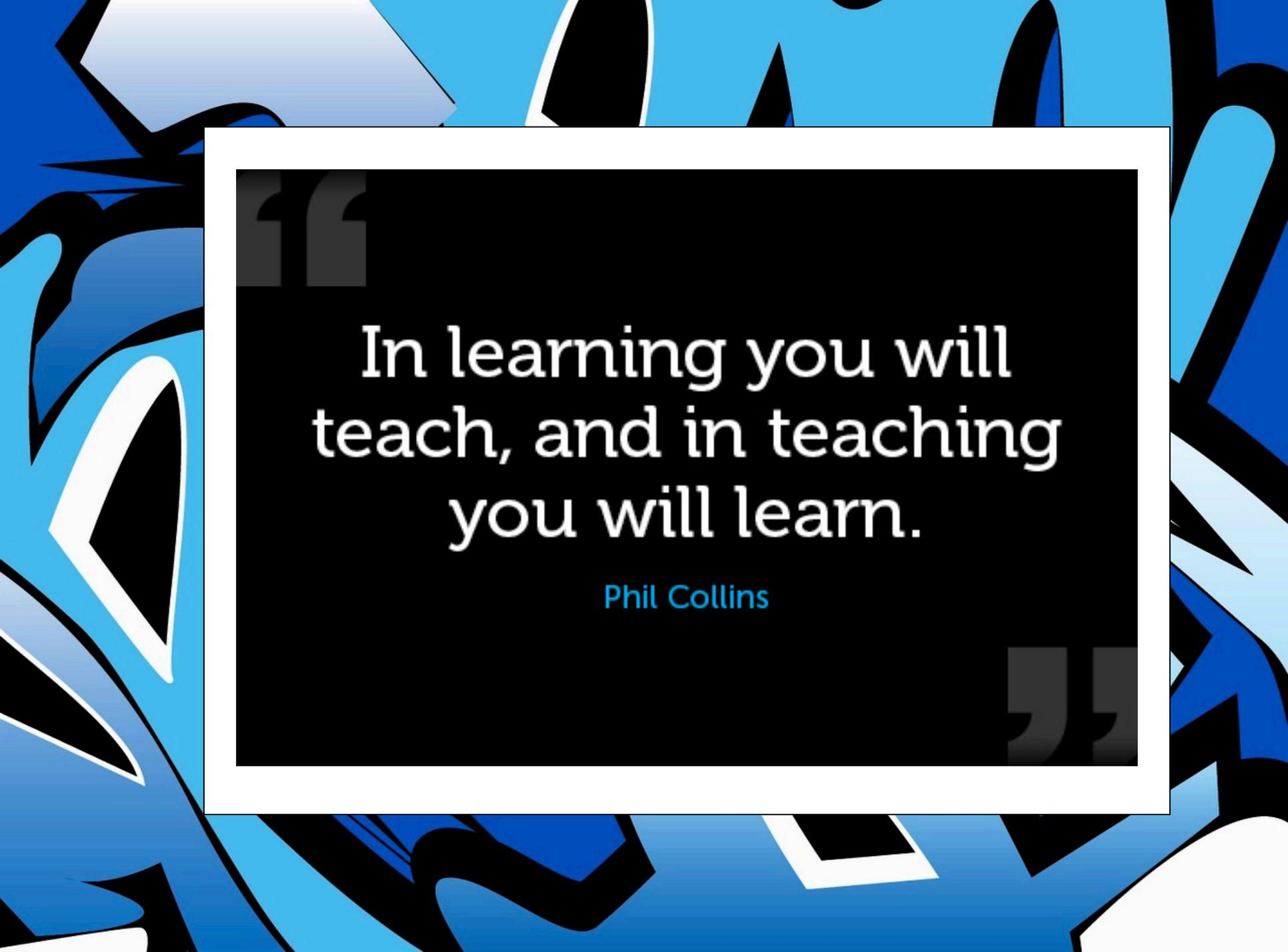


# IMPACTFUL MENTORS

*understand that...*



Mentoring is not about being the “answer factory” but to help the mentee arrive at the best solution to the problem at hand. If your mentee is stuck, ask questions or tell stories of similar dilemmas to help focus thinking through the problem and arriving at a suitable answer.



In learning you will  
teach, and in teaching  
you will learn.

Phil Collins

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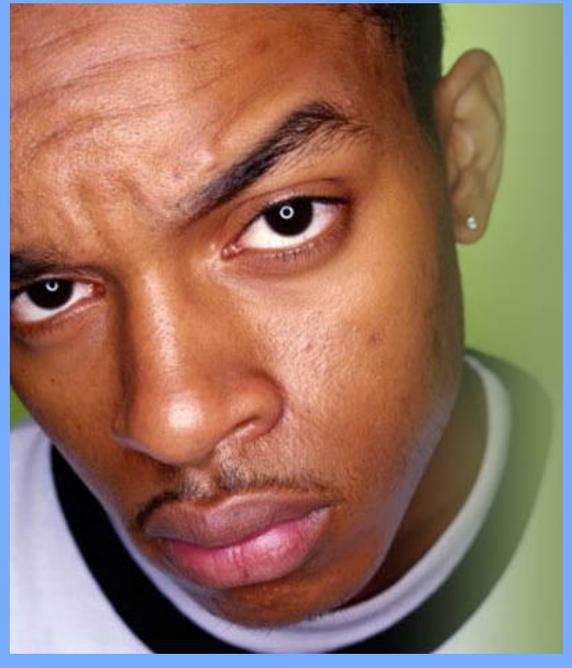
We learn from  
each other...  
the teacher becomes the  
student and the student  
becomes the teacher.

EVEN AS THE SON OF MAN  
— came not to be —  
**SERVED**  
— BUT TO **SERVE** —  
— and to give his **LIFE** —  
AS A RANSOM FOR MANY.

matthew 20:28 (esv)

# IMPACTFUL MENTORS

*understand that...*



**IT'S NOT ABOUT  
YOU!**

You are not God.

“TELL ME AND I FORGET,  
TEACH ME AND I MAY REMEMBER,  
INVOLVE ME AND I LEARN.”

~ BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



# IMPACTFUL MENTORS

*understand that...*



The mentor must  
play the  
supporting role  
NOT the lead role  
in the relationship.



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**MENTORING GANG  
INVOLVED YOUTH**

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# MY PLEDGE as a MENTOR

I will listen to you with my heart as well as my ears.

I will use the benefit of my experience to guide you.

I will challenge you to find your talents.

I will help you recognize opportunity.

I will find the best in you.

I will not judge you.

I will not lie to you or for you.

I will not do it for you.

I will not accept less than your best efforts.

I will not accept excuses.

I will not give up on you.

I will always pray for you.

I will be someone you can count on.

I will walk life with you.

I will always remind you that you are loved  
and created by God for a purpose!

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