

Life Notes *Understanding Our Core Values*

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Core Value #8 – Intentional Apprenticing:

We believe that the key to success in “Building Godly Generations” is Intentional Apprenticing. Every experienced follower of Christ is responsible for passing along to others the knowledge, skills, and opportunities for service that God, through others, has entrusted to them.

What does this Core Value mean?

- **We believe this core value is the principle Paul shared with Timothy:** “And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.” (2 Timothy 2:2)
- **We recognize the value of passing along skills to others, especially the next generation:**
 - Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.” (1 Peter 5:2-4 NIV)
 - “You, however, must teach what is appropriate to sound doctrine. Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance. Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God. Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.” (Titus 2:1-8 NIV)
 - Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.” (1 Corinthians 11:1 NIV)

Why is this Core Value important?

- The danger of ignoring this Core Value:
 - Without Godly, practical examples, we run the risk of making the same mistake Israel made during the time of the Judges - “Every man did what was right in his own eyes.” (Judges 17:6; 21:25 NIV; Deuteronomy 12:8; Proverbs 12:15).
 - Learning from the past (both good and bad examples) provides a wisdom to keep us on the right path:
 - “Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.” (1 Corinthians 10:6,11 KJV)
 - “For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:” (1 Peter 2:21 KJV)
- The principle we embrace:
 - Every Christian should follow this path:
 - I come to **KNOW** Christ.
 - I progressively **GROW** in the Christian life.
 - I intentionally **SOW** into the lives of others.
 - Ministry is best served by working with those of greater experience who can pass their skills on to us. “And let these {potential deacons} also first be proved.” (1 Timothy 3:10 KJV)

How can I make this Core Value part of my life?

- If you are an established worker, ask God to bring someone into your life eager to learn your ministry skill. Ask the pastors to help connect you to potential matches.
- If you are a young Christian who wants to learn, contact the church office and a pastor will help you get started in ministry.

The result of believing this Core Value:

- The number of workers increase.
 - The family of God grows.
 - The anointing is transferred from generation to generation.
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