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Pressing Toward the Mark Through Energetic Mentoring



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Energetic mentoring lies at the heart of effective ministry. In 1 Timothy, the Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy as a colleague, and as his "own son in the faith." This language reveals a relationship marked by intentional investment, spiritual affection, and purposeful guidance. Paul's mentoring was not passive; it was energetic, deliberate, and personal.

Energetic mentoring involves more than occasional instruction—it requires active engagement in another's life. Paul equipped Timothy with truth, encouraging him through challenges, and entrusting him with responsibility. Such mentoring multiplies the impact of ministry, as those trained go on to train others as well.

This principle is essential to the mission of Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples. We are committed to developing laborers who are spiritually grounded, doctrinally sound, and missions focused. Through intentional mentoring, the agency helps shape individuals who can faithfully proclaim the Gospel in difficult and often forgotten fields.

Energetic mentoring includes discipleship, leadership training, and ongoing support. Missionaries are not left to labor in isolation; they are guided, encouraged, and strengthened through consistent interaction. This ensures perseverance in the field and effectiveness in ministry.

Furthermore, mentoring fosters continuity. Just as Paul prepared Timothy to lead. We invest in leaders who will raise up the next generation in places where the Gospel has yet to take deep root. This creates a sustainable and multiplying work.

In a world with vast spiritual need, energetic mentoring is not optional—it is essential. By following the biblical model seen in 1 Timothy 1:1–2, and faithfully investing in others, Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples plays a vital role in advancing the Gospel to those who have long been overlooked.

Paul's Total Commitment

By Dr. Gene Burge, former BMFP President
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In II Cor. 12:15 the Apostle Paul said, "And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved." Notice Paul's Total Commitment.

Paul's Determination – "I will:" God doesn't want us to do just anything for Him. He wants to do something through us. He doesn't want us to serve Him in our poor weak way. He wants to use us as a channel so He can do His work through us! We need to make ourselves available to Him and say, "God, we are tired of being inhibited. We want to be occupied totally by You. I want You to live Your life through us." Are we standing in the way of God instead of yielding and letting Him live and work through us?

The Lord is looking for someone who is willing to give their all. He is looking for someone who is willing to help in the harvest of lost souls and is willing to labor for Him.

We ought to always be ready to share in the plan of salvation with others and lead them to Christ. We should be ready to witness to others about the goodness of our God and to go out of our way to tell a lost and dying world that Jesus lives!

Paul's Desire – "very gladly:" It is wonderful to hear Christians joyful about serving the Lord. It seems like many people simply are doing what they need to be doing to get by but they're miserable doing it. Paul had an attitude of gratitude. Psalm 34:1-3, "I will bless the LORD at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together."

Paul's Dedication – "spend and be spent:" Paul was willing to spend whatever it would take to see salvation come in the life of every individual. He was willing not only to spend but also to be spent. He was willing to spend personal assets (treasure) and personal involvement (time & talent). We tend to draw the line when it comes to our personal involvement. We make a deal with God. We say, "Lord we will do anything, except, or anything, but ..."

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by Gene Burge**

Paul's Devotion – “abundantly I love:” Paul had an unconditional love. The more he loved them the less they loved him. The more he gave himself to them, the more they accused him of selfish desires. Paul had an unselfish love. He was willing to love them regardless of the outcome. He had made a commitment to give his life for the sake of OTHERS. Paul says in 1 Cor. 9:19-23, “For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.” That’s unselfish love and total commitment.

**A Masterpiece in the Making
by Ellen Thomas**

Many of us, as we navigate the day-to-day events of our lives, wouldn’t refer to ourselves as a Masterpiece of God’s making. In fact, most of us probably wonder why God would even invest in us at all. According to Ephesians chapter 2, He took our dead, lifeless souls and made us alive. The picture that is presented in this chapter is a beautiful description of the creation of His masterpiece.

First, we see His **METHOD** of creating the masterpiece. It’s a two-fold method. First, He saves us (v.5). It’s the perfect image of an artist. An artist takes a blank canvas and adds color, texture, and dimension to create something beautiful. Similarly, God takes our dead soul, makes us alive in Him, and then He adds the beautiful details. I am sure we would all agree that since salvation God has added amazing color, texture, and dimension to our lives. Then, He begins the process of sanctification. We can compare it to the sculptor who takes marble, ivory, or onyx and begins the carving process, chipping away what doesn’t belong. I’m sure we

could all agree that in this process of sanctification, God has taken some things away that do not belong in our lives anymore. Sometimes it is painful, but the finished product is a work of art.

Next, we see the **MEASURE** and **MEANS** of His masterpiece- the exceeding riches of His grace (v.7-9). Day after day He continues to pour into His masterpiece through His abundant and breathtaking acts of grace.

Finally, we see the **MOTIVE** for His masterpiece (v.10). We were created in Christ Jesus unto good works. He has a purpose in His creation. This life is meant to bring glory to Him. God’s plan and desire is that each of us would reflect Jesus Christ through good works.

The painter and the sculptor already have an image in mind of the finished product, and they know what is required to achieve it. God knows what He is doing with our lives. He knows the masterpiece that He has in mind. He wants us to live according to His plan, a life of purpose and service in His perfect will. Trust His plan, follow His plan, walk in His plan daily, and reflect His love and grace in this life. You are His masterpiece in the making.

Third Culture Kids (TCKs)

MKs aren’t super spiritual. They have discontentments, disappointments, doubts, fears, frustrations, and temptations. They want to be seen as a person and not as a label.

**“Those who
fish for fish catch
them alive and bring
them home dead. We
who fish for men catch
them dead and bring
them back alive”
– George Godfrey**

**Mission Possible Camp
July 6-10, 2026**

We are very excited about camp this year, with the special theme, “Redeeming the Time: Because the days are evil,” Ephesians 5:16.

This year we expect to have more missionary speakers at the camp that will encourage ministry across the street and around the world—from those whom God has blessed and are able to attend church to those less fortunate, on the street, in abusive situations, or growing up in difficult circumstances.

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**For Thou Shalt Go To All That
I Shall Send Thee**



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