



## ***Attributes Needed to be an Effective Mentor***

1. **Godly Character** - provides credibility to influence the lives of younger women.
  - Life is surrendered to God
  - Desires to exhibit the fruit of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control
  - A person of integrity; seeks to live a life above reproach
  
2. **Mature Faith** – life experiences, not knowledge, will have the greatest impact on others.
  - Not a new believer  
*Hebrews 5:14 - But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.*
  - Knows God's word and applies it to her life  
*2 Timothy 2:15 - Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.*
  - Secure with who she is in Christ  
*Galatians 1:10 - Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.*
  
3. **Intimate Relationship with God** – understands the importance of a growing relationship with Christ and seeks to put Him first.  
*Philippians 3:10, 14 - I want to know Christ . . . I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*
  
4. **Reliable** – committed to fulfill the responsibilities of a mentor  
*2 Timothy 2:2 - And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.*
  
5. **Servant Leader** - primary motivation for mentoring is from a heart of gratitude to God.
  - Desires to share God's love with younger women so they might experience the abundant life He has for them, and fulfill the purpose for which they were created.
  - Serves her family well
    - Husband trusts her
    - Guides and teaches her children with wisdom and in the fear of the Lord
    - Good manager of her home

*Proverbs 31:25-28 - Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she smiles at the future. She opens her mouth in wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and bless her; her husband also, and he praises her.*

6. **Available** - has a desire to honor God by making her life available to others, in order to encourage and equip them to live for God's glory
  - 1 Thessalonians 2:8 - We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.*
7. **Modeler** – teaches and models what she teaches
  - Is transparent and honest; willing to share her successes and failures in order that others may benefit from the wisdom gained.
  - 1 Corinthians 11:1 - Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.*
8. **Initiator** in the relationship by:
  - Investing in the life of the mentee
  - Taking responsibility for the health of the relationships with the mentee and the group as a whole
  - Confronting and challenging when necessary
9. **Continuous Learner**
  - Makes time to read and be challenged in her relationship with the Lord
  - Teachable – open to learn from others, does not consider herself as “having arrived”
10. **Humble** and dependent on God
  - Recognizes that this is God's ministry
  - Recognizes that He will equip her in this ministry
  - Perseveres in God's calling on her life
  - 2 Corinthians 3:4-5 - Such confidence as this is ours through Christ before God. Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God.*