“IMITATE ME AS I IMITATE CHRIST”

Becoming A Leader Like Paul
“No man is an island”

- “A wise man will hear and increase learning, and a man of understanding will seek counsel” (Proverbs 1:25)

- “Where there is no counsel the people fall. But in the multitude of counselors there is safety” (Proverbs 11:14)

- “Listen to counsel and receive instruction, that you may be wise in your latter days” (Proverbs 19:20)
THE CABINET OF INVISIBLE COUNSELORS

Proverbs 20:5
Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water,
But a man of understanding will draw it out”
Napoleon Hill’s “Cabinet of Invisible Counselors”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Luther Burbank

Abraham Lincoln

Thomas Edison

Thomas Paine

Charles Darwin

Teddy Roosevelt

Napoleon Bonaparte

Henry Ford

Andrew Carnegie
Napoleon Hill's "Cabinet of Invisible Counselors" Book: "Think And Grow Rich"

Jesus Christ
Apostle Paul
Galileo Galilei
Copernicus
Isaac Newton

Socrates / Plato / Aristotle
Confucius
Woodrow Wilson
William James
Robert Ingersoll
MY CABINET OF INVISIBLE COUNSELORS

Noah
Job
Daniel
Jeremiah

Peter
John
Paul
Barnabas
PAUL
Our Mentor

- Mentor: “an experienced and trusted adviser; one who trains another, especially a younger colleague”

- “Counselor, guide, tutor, teacher, advisor, confidant”

- “A mentor is not someone who walks ahead of you to show you how they did it. A mentor walks alongside you to show you what you can do.”

- The Mentor Leader: Jesus Christ *(Matthew 20:25-28)*
PAUL Was Mentored

- Acts 11:30  “Barnabas and Saul”
  Acts 12:25  “Barnabas and Saul”
  Acts 13:2  “Barnabas and Saul”
  Acts 13:7  “Barnabas and Saul”

- Acts 13:43  “Paul and Barnabas”
  Acts 13:46  “Paul and Barnabas”
  Acts 13:50  “Paul and Barnabas”
  Acts 15:2  “Paul and Barnabas”
  Acts 15:35  “Paul and Barnabas”

“But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles.”  Acts 9:27

Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people.  Acts 11:25-26
You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.
PAUL

Our Mentor

- Acts 9, 11, 13-28
- Romans
- I & II Corinthians
- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- Colossians
- I & II Thessalonians
- I & II Timothy & Titus
- Philemon
- Hebrews (?)

We Can:

1. Know What He Knew
2. Do What He Did
3. Go Where He Went
PAUL

We Can Know What Paul Knew

- Ephesians 3:1-4
  “How that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written), When you read you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ”

- 2 Peter 3:15-16
  “…As also our beloved brother Paul … in all his epistles … are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction”
Getting To Know Paul

- Books On Paul’s Life
PAUL

We Can Do What Paul Did

■ Do As I Say – AND – As I Do

Edgar Guest: “I’d Rather See A Sermon”

■ Imitate Me

I Cor. 4:16  “I urge you, imitate me”
I Cor. 11:1  “Imitate me, just as I imitate Christ”
Phil. 3:17  “Join in following my example...you have us for a pattern”
Phil. 4:9  “The things you learned, received, heard, saw in me, do!”
I Th. 1:6  “You became followers of us and of the Lord ...”
2 Th. 3:7  “You know how you ought to follow us”
2 Th. 3:9  “To make ourselves an example of how you should follow us”
I Tim. 1:16  “That in me first ... as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life”
I’d Rather See A Sermon

Edgar Guest

I’d rather see a sermon, then hear one any day;
I’d rather one should walk with me than merely tell the way.

The eye’s a better pupil and more willing than the ear,
Fine counsel is confusing, but example’s always clear.
And the best of all preachers, are men who live their creeds,
For to see good put in action, is what everybody needs.

I soon can learn to do it, if you’ll let me see it done;
I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run.
And the lecture you deliver, may be very wise and true,
But I’d rather get my lessons, by observing what you do.

For I might misunderstand you, and the high advice you give,
But there’s no misunderstanding, how you act and how you live.
7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.
8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ.
Paul’s Life: “That I May Know Him”
Philippians 3:7-11

10 *that I may know Him* and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,
11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.
We Can Talk Like Paul

- “The Lord Jesus Christ”
- 94 Acts sermons (5x) Epistles (89x)

1 Cor 1:2  “To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Thess 1:1  “Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”
Acts 16:25 “But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16 “psalms, hymns, sp. songs”)
PAUL  
Do What He Did

We Can Pray Like Paul

Acts 20:36  “And when he had said these things, he knelt down and **prayed** with them all.”

Rom. 1:8  “First, *I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all...*”

1 Cor 1:4  “*I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God*”

Eph 1:16  “*I do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers:...*”

Phil. 1:3  “*I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine...*”

Col 1:3  “*We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you...*”
2 Timothy 4:6-8

6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand.
7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.
Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.

For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things.

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.
CHALLENGE:

A MONTH WITH PAUL

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