

# W2W 2023 Robin Price

## Intentional Intergenerational Influence (III) (Mentoring😊)





# INTRODUCTION

## My Background

- ▶ Mother of 3, Grammy to 6 so far..... 😊
- ▶ Opportunity to mentor several young women over the years (both professionally and spiritually)
- ▶ Currently involved in Heart2Heart here at CBC
- ▶ Also leading “Price Mamas” with my 3 daughters-in-law “M Is for Mama, A Rebellion Against Mediocre Motherhood” Abbie Halberstadt
- ▶ Facilitated Women’s Bible Studies for many years
- ▶ When asked to present... (Am I qualified??)
- ▶ I have been mentored and been a mentor (not much formal mentoring for my generation).
- ▶ “Intentional Influence, A Woman’s Guide to Biblical Mentoring,” Beth Bingaman

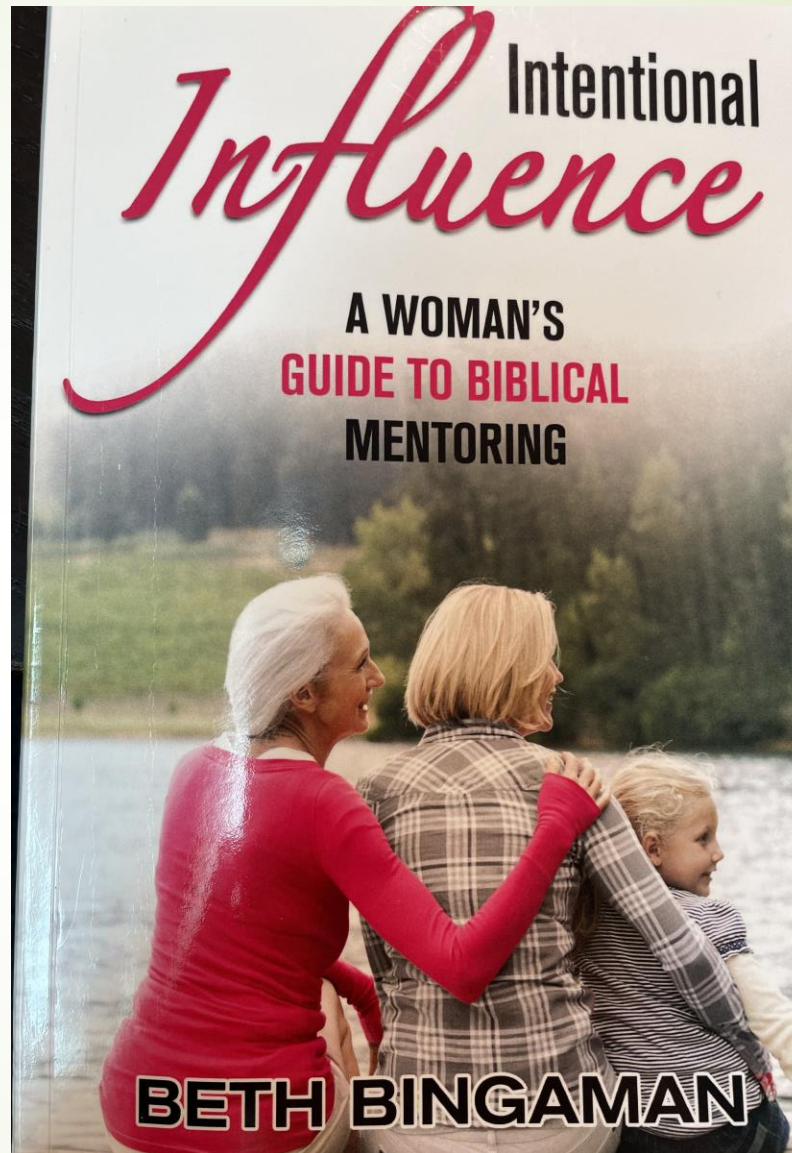







“Intentional Influence,  
A Woman’s Guide to  
**BIBLICAL** Mentoring”

by Beth Bingaman





## Titus 2:1, 3-5 (AMP)

God provided a plan for us to teach the next generation to live peaceful, joyful lives:

But as for you, teach the things which are in agreement with sound doctrine (which produces men and women of good character whose lifestyle identifies them as true Christians).

Older women similarly are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor addicted to much wine, teaching what is right and good, so that they may encourage the young women to tenderly love their husbands and their children, to be sensible, pure, makers of a home (where God is honored), good-natured, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.

# TV Commercials

- ▶ I identified with the children
- ▶ I identified with the teenagers/young women
- ▶ I identified with the moms
- ▶ Now, I identify with the Grandmas—love it!!
  
- ▶ “Older Women” Is this me? Is this you?
- ▶ It can be someone who has greater spiritual maturity (not chronological age),
- ▶ Or, someone who has been through the same experience




# Define Mentoring (Dictionary Definition)

Mentoring: “the practice of assigning a junior member of staff to the care of a more experienced person who assists him in his career.”

Mentor: “A wise and trusted counselor or teacher.”

“A teacher or a coach.”

We all have a “circle” or “sphere” of influence.



People are watching you....you are already a mentor whether you realize it or not. 😊

It may be **unintentional**

It may be **unplanned**

It may be setting an example

It may be a young woman watching you “live life” from afar





# How will you use your influence??

Will we use it intentionally?

Biblical mentoring is intentional. It is thought out according to God's Word

- As iron sharpens iron, so one (wo)man sharpens (and influences) another (through discussion). Proverbs 27:17 AMP

Just as **Jesus** was **intentional** in His plan and purpose, we too, must be intentional in how we relate to others.



## Types of Mentoring



### Formal

Bible Studies,  
Structured,  
1-1 shared experiences,  
1-1 struggling with situation



### Informal

When you learn something  
new, share it!



### “Minute” Mentoring

Be open to the leading  
of God’s Spirit. Look for  
opportunities, then be  
willing to pursue them.



# Biblical Priorities

## # 1

### ➤ Mentoring starts at **home**:

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

**Deuteronomy 6:6-9**





## Deuteronomy 6:5-7

- God's word must first be written on **my heart** so I can diligently teach it to others.
- If we're not willing to teach our own children the Law of God, we shouldn't mentor others. **Those at home are our top priority.**
- **"If your Christianity is not working at home, do not export it."** -Jake Sussex



## Biblical Priority #2

### ➤ **Women in the Church**

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**It's good to have someone come alongside you who is a little further along on their journey.**

# Biblical Priority

## #3

- ▶ To **whomever** the Lord sends us

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

**Matthew 28:19-20**

**For me it's the Deaf Community. God has given me a burden for them as well as opportunities to reach them.**







Every woman is looking for (and needs) a person to come alongside to help her grow in her faith (whether she knows it or not). And not just on FaceBook or through texts. Face to face time is essential if we want to develop meaningful, Biblically-based relationships as friends and mentors.



With our busy lives, relationships don't tend to evolve naturally.



Do you feel a need for “connection,” for a “community?”



The hurts in our lives **and** the blessings in our lives happen so we can **bless others!**



# Why Bother?



"I can't be a mentor because..."

We are a people of Excuses 😞

➤ **I don't have time!!**

Yes, mentoring takes time, but it is crucial to build relationships that

Glorify God

Grow His Kingdom

Help each other

"Genius is one percent inspiration, ninety-nine percent perspiration." –Thomas Edison

Developing the next generation is hard work—but we are up to the task because **God has equipped us!!**



# How am I spending your time??

- Hobbies (Mine is Baking 😊)
- Social Media (ever tracked your “screen time?” Yikes!!)
- Electronics
- Work
- Pleasure
- Service
- Exercise
- Housework, yardwork
- Caring for others
- Etc.





Time is a precious resource. Once it's lost you can't get it back. You can't make more of it.

➤ “Redeeming the times for the days are evil”.

“Making the very most of your time (on earth, recognizing and taking advantage of each **opportunity** and using it with wisdom and diligence), because the days are evil.”

**Ephesians 5:16**


Leave her (the world) in a better place.

“They found rich, good pasture, and the (cleared) land was wide, quiet, and peaceful: for those who had lived there previously came from Ham (and had left it a better place for those who came after them). **I Chronicles 4:40**

# More Excuses...

- ▶ I don't know the Bible well enough.
- ▶ I've done my teaching, let someone else do it.
- ▶ I've had problems in my own marriage, so how can I help someone else?
- ▶ I'm too busy.
- ▶ I finally retired—this is my time to chill!
- ▶ My house isn't clean enough.
- ▶ Nobody mentored me, and I did okay.
- ▶ These young girls won't listen to me.
- ▶ The world is a different place now than when I raised my family
- ▶ I don't feel good.





**The World  
was a  
different  
place when  
I raised my  
family.....**

- Yes, it was. Families have so many more pitfalls and struggles that we didn't face even a few years ago. This is precisely why young women need God's counsel!

BUT, **Isaiah 40:8** says: The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.

**Psalms 33:11**: The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the thoughts and plans of His heart through all generations.




## What does God's word say about our weaknesses (excuses)?

But He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you (My lovingkindness and My mercy are more than enough—always available—regardless of the situation); for (My) power is being perfected (and is completed and shows itself most effectively) in (your) weakness." Therefore, I will all the more gladly boast in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ (may completely enfold me and) may dwell in me. **2 Corinthians 12:9 (AMP)**

When I am weak, that's when God's words, strength, and glory can shine through me.

When we are at our most vulnerable, that is when we are most relatable—that is when we can reach/teach other ladies.





Please  
don't  
excuse  
away the  
commands  
of God

- ▶ Thinking like this prevents us from obeying God and investing in the lives of another. When God commands us, is it optional??
- ▶ Older women, the charge is **ours** to get to know the younger women and provide opportunities for them to learn and be encouraged.
- ▶ Historically, our churches often divide people generationally. Let's change this!!





## Am I really qualified to mentor other women? Let's examine our hearts:

- 1. Do I read, study and meditate on God's Word daily?**
2. Do I desire to keep God's commands?
3. Does my life set a good example?
4. Do I respect and speak well of my husband, to him and about him to others?
5. Do I believe and live the truth that children are a gift from God?
6. Is my home a place where others are welcomed and comfortable?
7. Are my family's needs my highest priority?
8. Am I raising (or have I raised), my children to love and serve the Lord, even if they have chosen not to follow him?
9. Am I regularly attending worship service and serving in church?
10. Am I a slanderer, gossip, or a drunk? Titus 2:3



# Assumptions “Givens”

- ▶ The **Word of God** is the law of life
- ▶ Both (mentor and mentee) are believers—we can offer each other nothing without God's **Holy Spirit**
- ▶ We don't have all the answers, but we know the **One** who does. Be willing to admit this. Let them know we will get back to them. Always pray for clarity and direction.





General Norman  
Schwarzkopf:

**“Leadership is a potent combination of strategy and character. But if you must be without one, be without the strategy.”**



# Warning Signs

- ▶ Does this woman want biblical change and spiritual growth, or just to “vent?” **There is no Biblical basis for “gripe sessions.”** We should pour out our complaints to God only.

“Listen to my prayer, O God, And do not hide Yourself from my plea... I am restless and distraught in my complaint and distracted.”

“Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint...” **Psalm 64:1a**

If I am meeting with a young woman and she is always late, or cancels often, or doesn't complete her “homework,” she may not be serious about it. Sometimes we need to move on to someone who **is** willing to commit.

# Whose work is it???

- ▶ The mentor's role is to teach, train, set an example, but NOT to fix problems. ONLY God has the power to change her situation. "So neither is the one who plants nor the one who waters anything, but (only) God who causes the growth." 1 Corinthians 3:7
- ▶ Be willing to deviate from the scheduled study and follow the immediate needs of the mentee and the Holy Spirit's leading
- ▶ Remember that the power in our relationship is in God's love, mercy, and compassion—not in our wits, Bible knowledge, or sacrifice of time.
- ▶ God is the ONLY one who heals. The faithfulness and goodness is all His,

But, she may need someone to come along side to encourage her to seek His assistance.

**ONLY God can satisfy.** It is through Him that our spirit is renewed, and **He alone** empowers us to face the difficulties in life



# What Does She Need?

- ▶ Listening—a lost art! Let's start a comeback 😊

“The purposes of the human heart are deep waters, but those who have insight draw them out.” **Proverbs 20:5**

Jesus was so good at this!! Ask questions like He did.

- ▶ Get to know her so you can PRAY, PRAY, PRAY!
- ▶ Teach her how to apply God's word to all of life
- ▶ Encourage her, be an enthusiastic fan, be a role model of a servant of God
- ▶ Do you need to be her Aaron or Hur, and support her in the battle?

“Now when Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and when he lowered his hand (due to fatigue), Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands were heavy, and he grew tired. So they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. Then Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side and one on the other side; so it was that his hands were steady until the sun set.” **Exodus 17:11-12**



# Hospitality

- ▶ FaceTime/Technology vs Face to Face Time
- ▶ Welcome her into your home

“Never be lazy but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble and keep on praying. When God’s people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality. **Romans 12:11-13 NLT**”





# Benefits of Intentional Intergenerational Influence

- ▶ When we obey God, we are blessed.

- ▶ Ill relationships often (not always) become friendships

Oil and perfume make the heart glad, and the sweetness of a friend comes from (her) earnest counsel. **Proverbs 27:9**

- ▶ We can stir one another on to good works.

and let us consider (thoughtfully) how we may encourage one another to love and to do good deeds, not forsaking our meeting together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more (faithfully) as you the see the day (of Christ's return) approaching. **Hebrews 10:24-25**

- ▶ Comfort and Encouragement

- ▶ “Therefore, encourage and comfort one another and build up one another, just as you are doing.” **I Thessalonians 5:11**

- ▶ When I teach a woman to be more like Jesus, I become more like Him, too.

# Where do we Start?

- ▶ Wisdom comes from God's Word. Spend intentional **daily** time with the Lord. If you are spiritually starving yourself, how will you feed someone else?

She opens her mouth in (skillful and godly) wisdom,

And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue (giving counsel and instruction),

She looks well to how things go in her household,


And does not eat the bread of idleness. **Proverbs 31:26-27**  
(AMP)







# Practical Tips to get Started

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- ▶ Connecting with a mentee
    - ▶ Does my church have a program to connect women?
    - ▶ Let your church leadership (Director of Women's Ministries, etc.) know you are ready and willing.
    - ▶ Make sure you are able to manage your own time, emotional resources, physical and spiritual strength.
    - ▶ Start with an "interview," to see if you are compatible
    - ▶ Establish "ground rules"
    - ▶ Set a time limit (end of the study, for example)
    - ▶ Most women are not in crisis. Those that are need extra, intense time. Be prepared to refer them to others (Counselors, therapists, law enforcement, etc.)
    - ▶ Recognize when she needs more help than you can provide and be ready to refer to a professional counselor, legal authorities, etc.



## II Timothy 2:1-2 (AMP)

So you, my son, be strong (constantly strengthened) and empowered in the grace that is (to be found only) in Christ Jesus. The things (the doctrine, the precepts, the admonitions, the sum of my ministry) which you have heard me teach in the presence of many witnesses, **entrust (as a treasure)** to reliable and faithful men who will also be capable and qualified to teach others.







## WHO CAN YOU ENTRUST YOUR TREASURE TO???

God may not have blessed you with **physical** children and grandchildren,

**BUT** He will bless you with **spiritual** children,  
and grandchildren, and great  
grandchildren.....



# What will you do today that will still matter 150 years from now??

- ▶ Mentoring is all about the next generation, and the next, and the next.....

I want to be a part of that. I want what I do today to still matter 150 years from now—for eternity.

**DO YOU?????**