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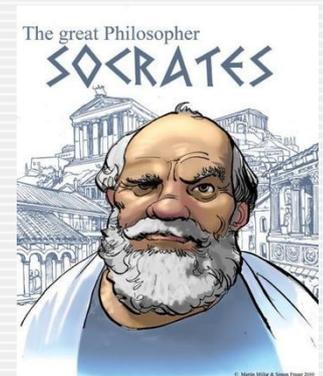
- The Maturity of a Mentor Leader: A Look Within
  - The unexamined life is not worth living (Socrates)
- The ability to take an honest look at yourself and examine who you are – what makes you tick, what makes you do the things you do – is a mark of maturity for a mentor leader



**MATURITY**

has nothing to do with age. Maturity comes from experiences, mistakes, learning, and understanding.

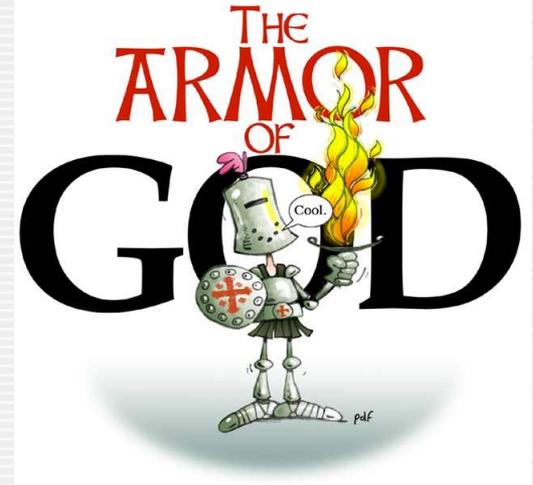
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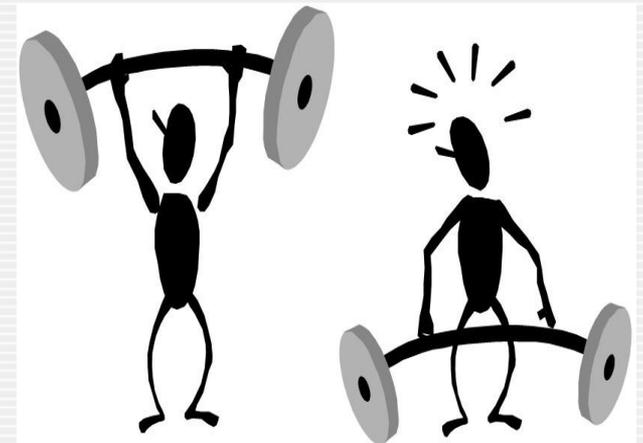
- In everything we do, our desire should be to honor God by actively seeking to become more like the people He wants us to be.



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- Understanding our strengths and weaknesses is essential to our role as mentor leaders.
  - “Every player loves to work on his strengths, but only the great ones work on their weaknesses” (Coach Noll).



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- We must operate within a framework of a healthy self-awareness.
  - An honest, introspective self-evaluation will help us avoid transferring negative behaviors and attitudes to other people.
    - ✦ At the same time, it will help us become the kind of people God wants us to be.



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- Dealing with the past.
  - A person who carries emotional baggage through life is not much different from the person who refuses to check any bags at the airport. They struggle to fit their oversized luggage in the overhead bins.
    - ✦ Likewise with emotional baggage and life.
      - Don't continue to struggle with baggage that only weighs you down and hinders your progress in life.





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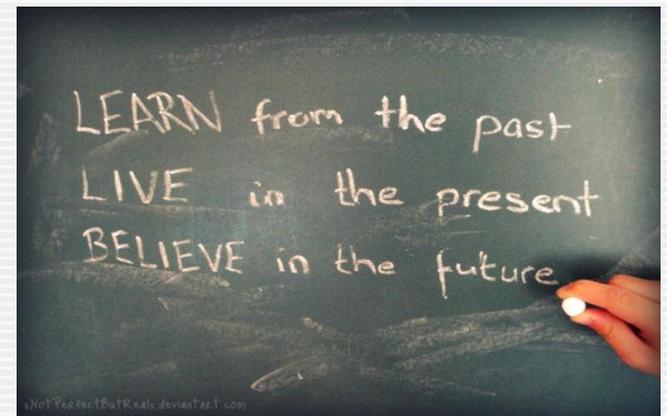
- **Forgiveness and Freedom.**
  - The ability to forgive and to ask for forgiveness when we've hurt or offended someone else is crucial to understanding what it is that makes us tick.
    - ✦ Forgiveness is the best medicine available to help you get beyond things from the past that hold you down and keep you from achieving your potential.



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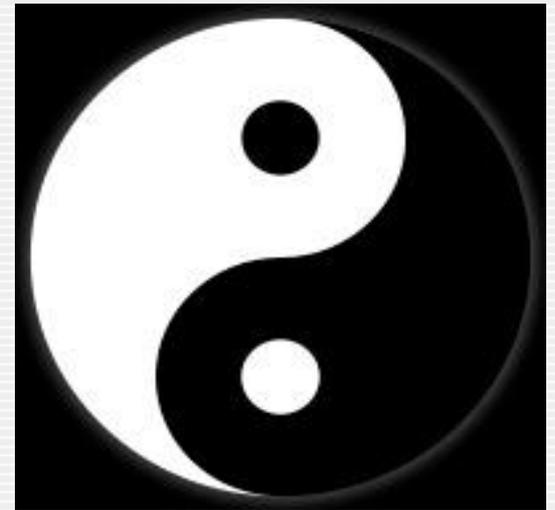
- If you carry emotional baggage, the only person it bothers, affects, and holds back is you.
  - As potential leaders, if we ourselves are not empowered – if we don't believe in ourselves – it won't be long before we run out of make-believe energy as we try to empower and equip others to become the best they can be.
    - ✦ Your past has helped to set the course for what motivates, directs, and drives you, or what holds you back.



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- Motivations, Priorities, and Balance
  - We should surround ourselves with people whose strengths complement our weaknesses.



# Action Steps

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- Take a look inside.
  - Mentor leaders know who they are, what motivates them, and why they do what they do and react the way they react, and they are always ready to change in order to become all that God intends.



# Action Steps

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- Evaluate your motives.
  - Are you working for yourself? For God? For others?



# Action Steps

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- Come to grips with your past.
  - Get help if you need to.
    - ✦ Effective leaders get past the past – the things that tie them down. They realized that forgiveness leads to freedom.



# Action Steps

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- Be who you are.
  - Mentor leaders lead as the people God made them to be, and they don't try to be someone else.



**NOW YOU SEE ME**

# Action Steps

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- Evaluate your priorities.
  - Consider the order of importance you place on your relationship with God, your family, your work, your friends, and everything else. Be willing to reevaluate over time.



# Action Steps

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- Take a look in the mirror.
  - Recognize that God has given you incredible gifts, abilities, and strengths that are unique to you.



# Action Steps

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- Complement your strengths with the strengths of others.
  - Remember, not only were you created for community, but others were too. You were not created to do everything by yourself.



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