



## Becoming a Mentor

by Vaughan Durston

What is a mentor? My dictionary says he is a “wise, loyal advisor”. In our case it would mean that they are very familiar with the program and know how it works. This would include completing a number of lessons at the appropriate age level which would help them know how the site works, how to complete the question page and being able to view the awards.

Most of all a mentor has the spirit of Jonathan, and wants to seek his *David's* good and not harm. He would hope that *David*, through doing lessons would get to the place where he too would like to become a mentor. If you read the story of the “Boy and the Cabin”, you will see how Hugh Campbell was a mentor. And later my twin brother Con became a mentor to me. This could go on for generations, should our Lord tarry.

A mentor never stops learning more of the truths in the Bible and the Bible lessons. This will help him continue to walk in the ways of the Lord even as he is seeking to disciple others.

Now, the question comes, “Are you willing to be a mentor?” If yes, then you need to contact us. A mentor could get to see his *David's* progress, read his comments, know when his birthday is, etc. Remember *David* needed Jonathan, just like each of us need the Lord.

Keep in mind:

1. The great enemy of our Lord does not want children, youth, or adults accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.
2. The flesh is weak, and laziness can keep many from doing all they should in spiritual development. This is true of doing Bible lessons.
3. The World has its distractions from the things of God. I see many concentrating on little electronic devices so that they scarcely know what is going on around them.

May each of us allow the Spirit of God to mentor us, and do what we can through prayer, giving and mentoring so that hearts can desire to please God.

### Testimony

“I love how the lessons always help me with my walk. I can always pull out something that applies to my life. You are all amazing! I also like all the personal notes from you. Thanks so much for the wonderful ministry you have!” (age 14)

## Ten Terrific Traits

### Part 5: PERSUASIVE

by Brian Cummins

In earlier *HeartBeat* issues we noted that the characteristics of *David's* men included being **prepared, prayerful, personally chosen** and **perceptive**. A fifth notable characteristic was that these men were also **persuasive**. In 1 Chronicles 12:32 we find a small phrase added to the description of the children of Issachar: “*all their brethren were at their command*”. The Hebrew word used here for “command” is the same as that for “mouth”. In other words, these people were persuasive with their words. They were able to mobilize and motivate others to do what was good and necessary.

When Paul spoke about the church as the Body of Christ he said, “*Under [Christ's] direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly, and each part in its own special way helps the other parts, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.*” (Eph. 4:15)

You and I, perhaps in different ways, need to “help all the other parts” – building up one another, encouraging one another with words and deeds of kindness “so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.”

One practical way of doing this would be to encourage—even persuade—our children, grandchildren or friends to begin doing D&J lessons either through one of our offices or online at our website. Many hundreds of young people and adults have testified that these lessons were one of the ways God used to “build them up” in the faith.

Be an “Issachar” today!



## A Paradigm Shift

- Vaughan V. Durston

What is a paradigm shift? It is a change in the way things are done. In Daniel 12:4 we read of a paradigm shift in the last days: *“Seal the book, even to the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.”*

These descriptions were not true of Daniel’s day, but they are today. In fact these are two key main characteristics of today. Are we in the last days? It would appear to be so.

We are in a paradigm shift in communication and travel as seen in the communication of Bible lessons going out all over the world. We are hearing from new students around the world, in ways we never dreamed of a few years ago.

It has been a major project to produce. Now we need finances to manage the response. Pray for us, that we would have wisdom in how to handle this.

### Testimony

*“I have learnt so much from this course. Things like Jesus died for me and as he was hanging on the cross He thought of ME. That’s really cool. I was able to learn something from every lesson. I have decided to let Christ be everything to me – to love Him with all my heart and to serve Him to the best of my ability.”*  
(age 21)

### Club DJ

In **Club DJ** our motto is ‘Hearts That Desire to Please God’. Our desire has been to partner with local churches and reach the children, win them for Christ, and disciple them to have ‘Hearts That Desire to Please God’. A fundamental part of **Club DJ** is memorizing God’s Word. Often children reached through children’s ministries do not make it to the next level of youth ministries in the churches. It is for this reason we developed **Club DJ CONNEXTION** which blends **Club DJ** with Bible Quizzing as the children head into grades 7 and 8. Approximately 90–95% of the children reached in **Club DJ** go on into Bible Quizzing and continue to grow in their faith. The following is one such testimony from a young lady who was baptised in our church just a few weeks ago:

“Hello, my name is K. I became a Christian when I was eight. I attended **Club DJ** all the way through grade 6. At **Club DJ** I came to know the Lord and love Him. It was a lot of fun. After **Club DJ** came Bible Quizzing. At first it sounded boring and 145 verses sounded very hard to learn. I thought I could never learn that many verses. But my mom told me to go to quizzing and if I didn’t like it I could quit. So I went for the first week, and the second week, and the third week. And here I am in my third year in Bible Quizzing. It is amazing. I’ve met so many friends. They’ve had a large impact on me. That year instead of memorizing 145 verses, I memorized 293. Bible Quizzing has really strengthened my relationship with Christ. In closing I would like to thank S & C and their family for being so kind and always believing in me. They are the ones that first introduced me to **Club DJ** and church. They have done so much for me and no amount of words can express how thankful I am that they are in my life.”

We are excited about all God is doing in the lives of children and youth through this ministry as we partner with churches. K is from a non-Christian home and is now 15. God continues to work in her life as she develops a Heart That Desires to Please God.

If you would like to know more about **Club DJ** please contact Jerry at [jdurston@clubdj.ca](mailto:jdurston@clubdj.ca).

### Our Mission

*“developing young people after God’s own heart”*

### Our Vision

*“to see Jesus seated on the throne of every ‘David’ and ruling over all the aspects of their life.”*



## TEXAS

Every so often, following a winter with better than average rainfall, the eastern slopes of the Franklin Mountains that run through the middle of El Paso, burst forth with a magnificent display of golden poppies. This spring this sea of yellow blooms is bringing much joy as it spills over onto lawns and roadsides.

It makes us think of Psalm 126:6 - "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

The seed is the Word of God and those who "sow" the Word are the "Jonathans" seeking to establish "Davids" who will become people after God's own heart. Let me tell you about some "Jonathans."

- Several Grandmothers are helping their grandchildren do lessons. One Grandmother is physically blind but is able to "hear" the lessons through a special computer software program. She has encouraged her granddaughters to begin lessons and now they are studying God's Word.
- A young girl who attends a public elementary school was able to lead her school nurse to the Lord! She wrote, "Thank you for being my friends. I don't have many friends at school because of my testimony."
- A Pastor from Costa Rica has been doing online lessons in Spanish beginning with the children's lessons. He writes, "I am going to encourage my children, grandchildren and members of my church to do these lessons."
- Several home schoolers do the

lessons. After completing a lesson called "How Can I be a Child of God?" an 11 year old boy writes, "Thank you for making that lesson because I have just took Jesus as my Savior."

No matter who you are you can disciple others. You can sow seeds in lives and water them with your prayers. And some day, just like the poppies decorating the hills of El Paso, spiritual life will burst forth in the hearts of boys and girls and men and women, causing your heart to rejoice in what God is doing!!

## SASKATCHEWAN

The gospel of Christ is a sincere privilege to share with the spiritually hungry souls of children and adults alike, here in Saskatchewan. Satisfaction and joy fills my heart as I read the many thankful responses from the young and old who are reading the gospel taught in the Bible lessons we send. Some students read it for the first time and are saved, others come to a deeper understanding and others experience a timely reminder of the hope found in Christ. Good News never gets old or comes at a bad time does it? The Gospel is the world's Good News. The living hope and is always timely. As an unworthy ambassador, I am humbled to be included in God's important work that is changing lives for eternity and you can be apart of this too. Through your prayers and financial support of this work you too can share the joy of watching others find and experience the truth of Christ.

## ALBERTA/BC

An encouragement came to this office in the way of a phone call from a young married woman who had done a few lessons as a child. She has not



had any Christian influence in her life since that time. They have a young daughter and as a result have started thinking about how they are going to raise her. As they were talking one evening they discovered that they had both done *David & Jonathan* lessons when they were young. They have requested that we send lessons to them as a couple so that they can begin learning and growing in their knowledge of Christ. We have also received encouragements by the fact that a few students who have not done lessons for several years are now back doing lessons. I Corinthians 15:58 says, "Therefore my dear brothers, stand firm...your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

## ONTARIO

We praise the Lord for His continual faithfulness to the work in many ways. First for our faithful prayer and financial partners. Also for our volunteer friend, Wendy, who marks and prepares the lessons for return mailing in addition to her timely comments to the students. We thank God for ever-increasing online lessons activities. Many comment on how the lessons are helping them grow in their lives.

Please pray for a good camping year for the camps we assist in their follow-up ministry.



## Our Method

*Jonathans building up Davids*  
“And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking with Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.”

(I Samuel 18:1)

## TESTIMONIES...

“Thank you for sending me lessons over the years. I have really appreciated it. You have helped me grow spiritually. I have learned a lot from the lessons.” (22 year old)

“Thanks for all the time and effort that you put into the program. My children are excited when they see the envelope come in the mail.” (a parent)

“Thank you for the birthday card, it really made my day. I love getting mail from you guys. It is so much fun reading and answering the questions and then mailing it. Waiting anxiously for the next one isn't always fun though!” (12 year old)

“The information in this course is something that will stay with me my whole life. Also I have learned that the Christian's secret of a happy life is seeing God in all of our circumstances.” (15 year old)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- \* Pray that many camps will see the benefits of using these lessons for their follow up material.
- \* Please continue to pray for our need for an **executive director** for the **Alberta/BC** ministry.
- \* Pray that many more children, teens and adults will find our **online lessons** and that God will use this resource for their spiritual growth.
- \* Pray for our **expanding outreach** through the Internet to **Spanish-speaking** students.
- \* Please pray for our financial needs.



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