

THE APPEARANCE



Ephesians 2:20-22

Ephesians 4:11-16

**APOSTLES AND
PROPHETS
PREPARING THE
EMERGING
ARMY
RELEASING THE
ABILITIES AND
NATURAL
CALLINGS OF
EVERYONE**



A FATHER'S HEART #2



Malachi 4:5-6 "Behold, I send them the Prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the Lord come. He shall turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; lest I come and strike Earth with a curse"

1 Corinthians 4: 15 "For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel."

When a man has the heart of a father, he wants to see his spiritual son be successful in his ministry, marriage, and every area of his life; he even wants to see him eventually achieve goals above those that he has achieved. ***There is no room for competition and jealousy in the heart of a real spiritual father.***

In **1 Kings** the Lord told Elijah to anoint Elisha in his place. ***Spiritual fathers need to anoint and train their spiritual children to take the place that will be vacated one day when the Lord calls us home to our Heavenly reward.*** Spiritual fathers need to plant churches and put a Timothy in their pulpits as did the Apostle Paul.

Our vision, mantle and spiritual gifts must be passed on to others who have God's call on their lives so that the work of God does not stop, but continues to grow even more after we are gone. This requires time, patience, desire and vision to be able to see a generation carry out the work of another.

Abraham passed the mantle to Isaac, Isaac to Jacob, Jacob to Joseph, and so forth. Many of the

churches in the past have been single generation churches, and the vision that was with that generation was not passed to the other. No one anointed, trained or fathered another. ***The word father in Greek is Pater. It means to protect, nourish and strengthen someone.***

One that protects is someone who defends and guards another using much intercession and wise guidance. ***A father is someone who develops, nourishes and promotes another.*** The father helps in the development of the call and gifts of the son, and prepares him for their initiation to the ministry that God has given him in due time.

Strengthen means to support, encourage, and uplift the son when he has lost hope. ***A mentor and a spiritual father are not the same thing.*** A mentor and a father have some similarities but are not quite the same. There are those who taught you in the ways of God when you were saved; taught you the Scriptures; taught you how to pray and had influence in your life.

I have had several mentors that have taught me a lot. Some I have not met in person because they are deceased. However, I can say that they are my mentors because I took their principles, but they are not my spiritual father.

A mentor is not able to lead a son higher than what he has been able to achieve for himself or impart of his spirit to the disciple. He can give of his knowledge and understanding to the disciple, taking the disciple and training him; sharing with him the knowledge that he possesses, but is not able to impart.