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A Mentor



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When I entered ministry a generation ago, I was assigned a mentor by the denomination. For the next seven years Rev. Jack Van Marion and I sat down together once a month and talked about ministry, about being a minister, about theology and about family. I think it was some of the most important time spent in those formative years as a pastor. I learned that I needed someone in my life guiding me, asking me tough questions, challenging my assumptions and loving me for just who I am. And since that time I have always actively sought to have someone who would mentor me. In truth we all need mentors. Which brings the question: who is mentoring you? I hope and pray that it is someone who is helping you to grow in your faith, to sharpen your faith, to tell you when you are wrong and to love you for who you are. "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." (Proverbs 27:17). *That's my nickel. Pastor Bob*