

# The EQUIPPER

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## TRANSFERRING VALUES

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A general review of several recent statistics clearly demonstrates we are not doing an effective job at transferring biblical values to the younger generations. The results of George Barna and many of the secular studies are sharing the same conclusion. Rather than give you the specific percentages, I would like to just give a few general points.

1. The younger a person is the more likely they are to have had at least one divorce by age 30.
2. "40% of babies born in 2007 had unmarried parents (that's up 25% from 2002)." [TIME magazine May 25, 2009]
3. Marriage is being redefined and rejected as a standard for our society.

The rejection of any absolutes for moral values is the norm for today.

The reality the church must face is that we are not transferring our biblical values to the younger generations.

One of the blessings in my life from my earliest years of ministry has been the Lord's provision of godly mentors. When I started out in my earliest ministry, the senior pastor did not simply give me the opportunity to be a youth pastor. He became my mentor encouraging me and holding me accountable for both my ministry and personal life. His wife told me at his funeral that he considered me one of God's rare jewels. I think a major reason he could say that is because he kept chipping away at my rough edges.

Recently I preached a series of messages from Titus 2 encouraging the older generations to mentor the younger generations. The series began on Mother's Day with a concern for giving moms the support they need for raising children with biblical values.

The church has a responsibility to provide biblical mentors. Titus 2 begins with the two keys for transferring biblical values.



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(1) We need pastors and leaders in the church who **speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine** (Titus 2:1). Living in a day when there is a rejection of absolutes there is a tendency to ignore the importance of doctrine. Surveys have proven a constant decline in the understanding of doctrine. A priority in mentoring the next generation is that we teach sound doctrine.

(2) Mentoring is not simply transferring knowledge. Mentoring requires examples based on biblical character. Paul instructs the older men to be examples, **the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience** (Titus 2:2). A similar exhortation is given to older women. Transferring values is founded on sound doctrine and focused on biblical character building.

The need for biblical mentorship in the home and church is intensified by the times we live. We are living in a day when sound doctrine has been replaced not only watered down doctrine but an attack on the very fundamentals of our faith. The result is a distorted value system. A biblical solution to this problem is a renewed emphasis on mentorship in the home and church.

I did not have the privilege of growing up in Christian home. However, it was home that taught and expected me to live based on Christian values. God did provide me with my first true mentor early in my first ministry with a pastor, William Lincoln. He was one of the most influential people in my life. He was a man who lived for God and manifesting the character of 2 Timothy with sound doctrine. And, he practiced mentorship by taking me under his wing. We need men and women today like William Lincoln who will mentor their own children and those who are younger.

Let me challenge you as I did my congregation in a recent series of messages: Be a mentor and find mentor.

The series of messages I preached at David's Community Bible Church specifically addressed the older men and older women as mentors. The series also specially encouraged younger men and women about looking for and responding to mentors.

My series of messages on the older generation mentoring the younger generation are available on the audio and video sermon library at [www.davidscbc.org](http://www.davidscbc.org). The message dates are May 10, 17, 24, 31, and June 7, 2009. If you would like a copy of any of the messages on DVD you can contact me. A donation to BBM would be appreciated for the DVD's.

## RESOURCE UPDATES

**The Christian in Complete Armor** This work is now in three volumes and is a modernized abridgement of the Puritan classic by William Gurnall, 1665, Banner of Truth Trust, 1986-89. I have had the set for several years but a quote from C. H. Spurgeon caught my eye.

“Gurnall’s work is peerless and priceless; every line is full of wisdom, every sentence is suggestive. The whole book has been preached over scores of times, and is, in our judgment the best thought-breeder in all our library.”



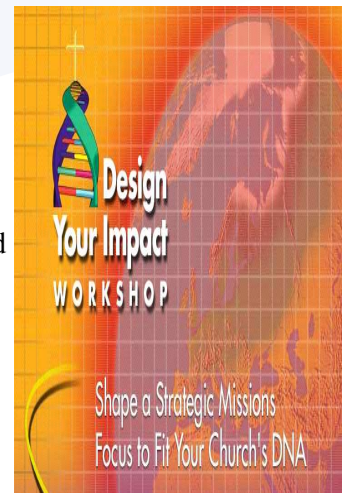
So I decided to read the 3 volumes and the 1000+ pages for my spiritual benefit and in preparation for a couple of sermons on the Armor of God. Spurgeon was right and I have been richly rewarded and so will you. It could be life-changing.

Book Report  
Dr Don MacKenzie  
Biblically Centered Counseling

## The Global Corner

### When was the last time your church took a look at the global picture?

A major balance in the ministry of the local church is the balance between the local and global. It has been my joy to lead a number churches in discovering how to make a greater global impact. The result of a global impact is that it impacts the local congregation and creates a renewed vision and enthusiasm. I would love to have the opportunity to share with your missions leadership team the potential of having the *Design Your Impact* workshop at your church. Please feel free to contact Gary Becker as I plan my fall 2009 and 2010 schedule.



### Have you consider a life changing global visit to see God at work?

In the spring of 2010 I will be leading a team to Senegal with WorldVenture. Our ministry will include several different opportunities to use a variety of spiritual gifts. The trip will include:



1. “Prayer Walking” a ministry of visitation to tribal churches and ministry teams for the encouragement and prayer support of our national pastors and missionaries.
2. A ministry to provide eyeglasses to the native people. You do not need special training. We will train you.
3. A ministry to the Talibe children (abused children)
4. We may also include a work project.

If you are interested be sure to email Gary Becker and we will add you to our Senegal mailing list with updates and details



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