

Introduction to Couple-to-Couple Marriage Mentoring

➤ **What is mentoring?** A mentor is...

- 1) A _____
- 2) An _____
- 3) An _____ of _____
- 4) _____ of the above

➤ **Some Biblical mentors**

Elijah/_____ Naomi/_____ Barnabas/_____ Jesus/_____
Moses/_____ Eli/_____ * Paul/_____

➤ **What does a marriage mentor couple do?**

1. Willingly _____ what they know in a timely uncompetitive way
2. Represent skill, knowledge, virtue, and accomplishments because they have gone _____ the couple they are mentoring
3. Take a personal and heartfelt _____ in the other couple's development and well-being
4. Offer support, challenge, patience and enthusiasm while _____ other couples to new levels of competence
5. Point the way and represent _____ evidence of what another couple can become
6. _____ the recipients of their mentoring to new ideas, perspectives and standards
7. Have more expertise in terms of knowledge yet view themselves as _____ to those they mentor

➤ **What a marriage mentor couple is NOT:**

1. A _____ or _____
2. _____ a pal or a buddy
3. "On call" for every little _____
4. Necessarily committed _____
5. A _____
6. A _____

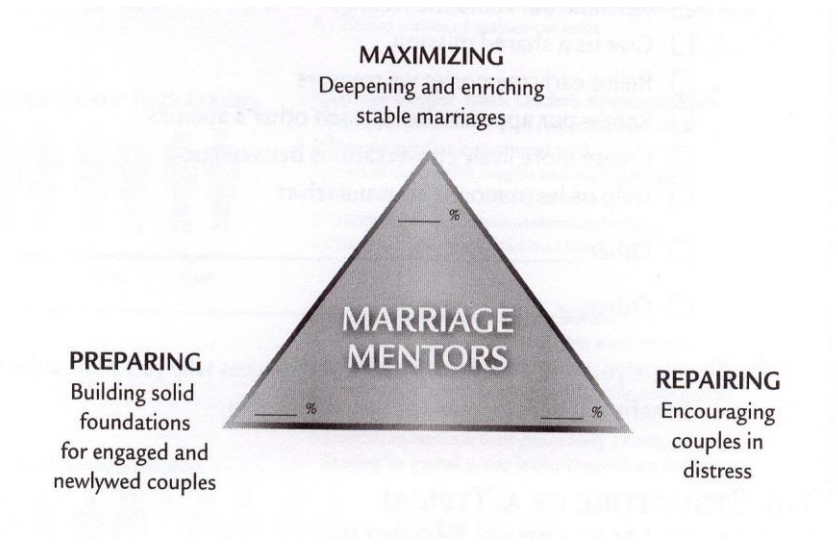
➤ **Why mentor?** God _____ it

You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others. (2 Timothy 2:2)

➤ **Couple-to-Couple Marriage Mentoring Definition:**

A relatively happy, more experienced couple purposefully investing in another couple to effectively navigate a journey that they have already taken.

➤ **The Mentoring Triad**



➤ **Benefits for own marriage when doing couple to couple mentoring**

- ___ Rekindle _____ feelings
- ___ Give a shared mission
- ___ _____ early treasured memories shared together
- ___ Renewed _____ of each other's abilities
- ___ More lively conversations generated
- ___ Help in learning _____ about each other
- ___ Other _____
- ___ Other _____

➤ **Two Biblical Examples**

1. Aquila & Priscilla with Apollos (Acts 18:24-28)
2. Barnabas & John Mark (Acts 15:36-40)

➤ **Mentoring Resources:**

1. Drs. Les & Leslie Parrot - The Complete Guide to Marriage Mentoring book, leader's guide & workbooks
2. Dr. Ed Gray - Marriage Mentoring: 12 Conversations (www.12conversations.com)
3. Eric & Jennifer Garcia (AMFM) - Couple-to-Couple Marriage Mentoring Ministry training program
4. Bible book studies or other books

➤ **Conclusion** - You ARE mentoring – we all are, so why not make it intentional and beneficial?

➤ **Couple Sharing**

1. Complete the following sentence as best you can – without consulting with your mate.
 - 1) My greatest fear in becoming a Couple to Couple Mentor is ...
 - 2) Share with each other

2. Our “Marriage Mentors:

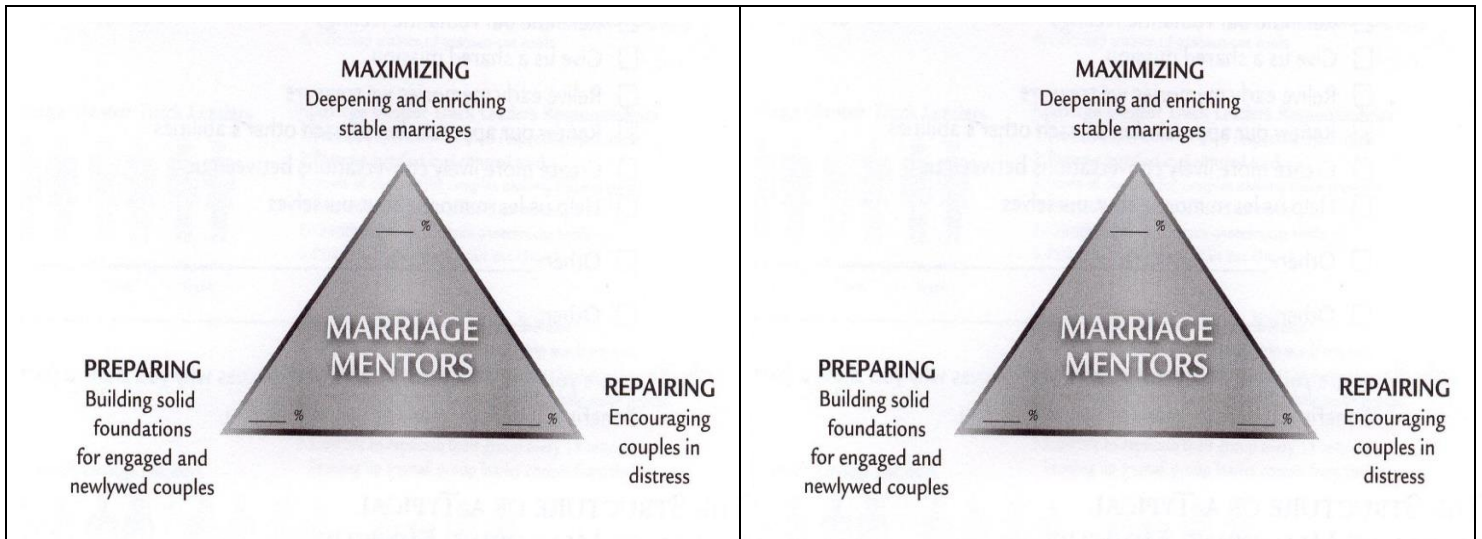
Take a few moments with your mate to brainstorm names, and then list those couples (or individuals) below who have had a significant influence on your marriage (parents, relatives, friends, ministers, counselors, teachers, colleagues or others). Next to their names write a single phrase or two that captures how they have positively influenced your marriage:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

What can you learn about marriage mentoring from the informal mentoring relationships you and other couples have enjoyed? What did these people do for you specifically that you'd like to do for others?

3. Which of the three tracks do you lean most towards? Each of you mark percentages on a diagram (must add up to 100).

After marking, discuss with mate.



4. As a couple select two or more of the following to read and discuss:

- Eli & Samuel (1 Samuel 1-3)
- Elijah & Elisha (1 Kings 19:19-21)
- Moses & Joshua (Deut. 31; Joshua 1)
- Naomi & Ruth (Ruth 1)
- Paul & Timothy (Acts 16:1-5; 1 Tim. 4; 6:11-12)

After reading, identify what qualities made the mentoring successful.