New Generation
A. Allan Martin shares how he gets back to basics equipping and empowering young adults in a digital world

Mentorship
The key to building a more successful future both personally and professionally

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Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.

~ Proverbs 4:7 ~
(NKJV)

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From the Publisher

The Lord is preparing me in many areas of my life including character, service, studying the Word and ministry. As I develop in these areas, God is providing me with the tools to teach and encourage individuals around me. In this issue we focus on the mentorship and the new generation. Mentorship is not about just telling someone your experience. Mentorship involves a meaningful and purposeful relationship with them. Christian mentorship includes leading that person’s heart toward Christ, and toward the Word. Praying WITH them, and FOR them. You must be willing to walk with that person and help them to hear what God is trying to teach them. I can start practicing this model even now at home with my daughters. A challenge for you is to do something positive today to pour back in to the generation to follow you.

~ Brittany N. Winkfield ~
DO ALL THINGS WITH **Love**

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (NKJV)

Love suffers long and is kind.  
Love does not envy.  
Love does not parade itself.  
Love does not behave rudely.  
Love does not seek its own.  
Love is not provoked.  
Love thinks no evil.  
Love does not rejoice in iniquity.  
Love rejoices in the truth.  
Love bears all things.  
Love believes all things.  
Love hopes all things.  
Love endures all things.  
Love never fails.
Quick-Start Budget

Your first budget! It’s also the simplest, so you can relax now.

It’s time to get your feet wet with budgeting.

This form is only one page, but it will show you how much money you need every month to cover necessities. While your mortgage or rent is listed here, we won’t get into the details of your credit card bills, student loans, car payments and any other debt yet. The Quick-Start Budget is just your starting point.

Step 1
Write down what you’re spending for the month in each of the categories listed (A). If you don’t know exactly, just make your best guess. We’re keeping it simple for now.

Step 2
Write the total for each category in the Total box (B) and move on to the next category. See? Easy!

Step 3
Add up all eight of your total boxes and enter that number at the bottom in the Category Totals box (C). This shows you how much you’re spending in a month for your basic necessities, not including any kind of debt. We’ll get to all that later.
## Quick-Start Budget

*Taking control of your money starts here*

### CHARITY
- Budgeted
- Tithes
- **TOTAL**

### SAVING
- Budgeted
- Emergency Fund
- Other
- **TOTAL**

### HOUSING
- Budgeted
- First Mortgage/Rent
- Second Mortgage
- Real Estate Taxes
- Repairs/Maint.
- Homeowner/Renter Ins.
- **TOTAL**

### UTILITIES
- Budgeted
- Electricity
- Gas
- Water
- Trash
- Phone/Mobile
- Internet
- Cable
- **TOTAL**

### FOOD
- Budgeted
- Groceries
- **TOTAL**

### CLOTHING
- Budgeted
- Adults
- Children
- **TOTAL**

### TRANSPORTATION
- Budgeted
- Car Payment
- Gas & Oil
- Repairs & Tires
- Auto Insurance
- **TOTAL**

### PERSONAL
- Budgeted
- Life Insurance
- Health Insurance
- Disability Insurance
- Child Care/Sitter
- Entertainment
- Other
- **TOTAL**

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Add up totals from all categories

Add up budgeted column & enter here

These icons represent good options for cash envelopes

Sign in to FPU Central at daveramsey.com to download this form and explore our other online budgeting tools!

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Naomi and Ruth give us an almost perfect picture of what a successful cross-generational developmental mentoring relationship looks like. This article is for both those who would like to be mentors and those who would like to be mentored.

**Ruth Was Determined**

In the Biblical story Ruth refuses to let Naomi leave Moab without her. The Bible says that Ruth was “determined” to go with her (Ruth 1: 18). As mentees we aren’t supposed to cling to our mentor and beg them to allow us to live with them, but we do need to be determined in the way we live our lives, pursue our goals, and seek their advice. Mentors aren’t gurus who sit around on mountain tops waiting for us to approach them. They are busy people with jobs, families, and concerns of their own. We seek them because we see something in them that we also need—wisdom, experience, a character trait. In seeking them, they may be willing to meet with us but if our schedules don't match up, it's the mentee who needs to show determination in finding a time that will work.

**Ruth Asked Questions**

Ruth went to Naomi for advice before Naomi ever offered any. As a mentee, you may want a certain person to mentor you and they may be willing yet you don’t feel like they’re giving you anything to work with. In that moment, start asking questions. Figure out what you want to learn from this person and start pursuing that. Eventually it will come to the place where both of you are sharing equally.

**Naomi Waited Before Offering Advice**

Ruth sought Naomi’s advice when she wanted to go glean for wheat. Afterward Naomi started offering Ruth advice freely. This is something for mentors to remember also. It’s the mentee who sets the pace for the relationship and brings the bulk of the goals to the table. The mentor may have his or her own goals for the relationship but the mentee is the one who leads the direction. They are seeking you with specific needs and want to be heard out before a mentor starts telling them what to do. Once a relationship is built; however, the mentor can more freely suggest things because he or she will have a better understanding of where the mentee is coming from and where the mentee wants to go in life.

The mentoring relationship that Naomi and Ruth had can easily be described as developmental mentoring. A developmental mentor is someone who focuses more on the relationship between the mentee and themselves. They work on building trust and providing emotional support while letting the mentee provide the goals that are brought to the match.[1]

What does success mean to you?

Success for me is being able to communicate effectively. Communicating news and feature stories through words is something I’ve done effectively for years but when it comes to things that are more personal, it’s been a journey to learn how to open up and express myself.

If money was no object, what would you do all day?

Anything that had to do with art, whether drawing, painting, photography, graphic design, fashion design—creating art is my passion.

University or life experience, which do you feel best prepares you for life?

I’d have to say, hands down: life experience. I’ve learned more on the job than in a classroom. In fact, I learned things at work that helped me get A’s in class. Classwork is good and young adults need to earn their degrees, but don’t pass up work experience during college whether on campus jobs or internships—experience is the best teacher.

What has been your biggest challenge?

There are two: 1. Staying focused for long periods of time. I like to jump around a lot and try new things, which makes it hard to hone that on one or two projects at a time. But I’m working on it. 2. Not being perfect. Obviously no one can be perfect—only Jesus. But as a perfectionist it’s hard for me to let go of my imperfection and be okay with who I am. My biggest triumph has been learning to love myself (as vain as that sounds) despite my imperfections. I’ve found that when I’m okay with me, other’s imperfections don’t bother me.

How do you get back to basics in your walk with Christ?

I get outside with my Bible, pen, and journal/sketch pad, tune out the world and just enjoy my time alone with God in nature.

As Christians we should make it a priority to bless people by our presence more than by our absence.
MENTORS
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

In January President Obama designated January as National Mentoring Month. Now is the perfect time to find a mentor and/or set a goal to mentor someone else this year.

MENTORING YOUTH

A famous study of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters mentor program showed dramatic changes in youth just 18 months after entering the program.

YOUTH WITH MENTORS ARE LESS LIKELY TO...

- 46% begin using illegal drugs
- 27% begin using alcohol
- 52% skip school
- 32% hit someone
- 37% lie to parents

MENTORING IN BUSINESS

Research on mentoring in the workplace shows significant positive impact in four major areas of business:

- Retention: Companies who reported that mentoring increased retention
- Productivity: Productivity increase for managers when mentored
A. Allan Martin empowers thousands and reminds us to:

Be a blessing.
Be a light.
Be mindful.
Be faithful.
Be loyal.
Be generous.
Be loving.

~ Read Matthew Chapter 5

With 30 years of active ministry under his belt, Allan Martin equips new generations in Christian lifestyle and leadership. Dr. Martin is the teaching pastor of Younger Generation Church, the young adult ministry of the Arlington Seventh-day Adventist Church in Texas.
Looking back just 10 years ago, Dr. Martin was church planting in Celebration, FL. His passion was to empower the spiritual community. While he was not seeking a pastoral role, he recalls the members of Celebration SDA Church "praying behind his back" as they were in need of a senior pastor. Prayer works!

Allan and his wife, Deirdre, tour nationally, speaking about relationships and have a passion for ministry and expanding the kingdom. When the opportunity came from Arlington SDA Church, Allan explains there was a prayer deal between he, his wife and God. The deal was that if it was a call to work with young people, they would accept the offer. As it turns out, he was invited to lead the Young Generation (YG) Church, which began in 2004 by Mike and Gayle Tucker. By creating the space for young people to be involved, YG is celebrating their tenth anniversary this year. The church begins 2014 with a new series, "YG Does."

Let us be known for how we live out His love

Because of his passion for ministry, Dr. Martin has dedicated his life to focus on young adults - post high school through pre-parenthood. Today, Arlington has a membership of nearly 2,200 people and offers three worship services each Sabbath including one that is a contemporary worship service designed for young people with high-energy, multimedia, upbeat music, and timely, creative messages – all focused on reaching young adults.

Every group of young adults have their own fingerprint

It comes down to mentoring, empowering and equipping the next generation. By having intergenerational relationships, the entire church is empowered and realizes the power of the young adult ministry by pouring God’s grace, goodness and wisdom into the generation to follow.

Every generation has a responsibility I call it the Discipleship Effect

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Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.

~ 1 Corinthians 11:1 (NKJV)

How to get Back2Basics:

1. Pray about it

2. Seek and find spiritual mentors who are further down the road than you

3. Godly people pouring grace and goodness into the next generation

4. Love your neighbor

“...let us continue to love each other since love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and experiences a relationship with God. The person who refuses to love doesn’t know the first thing about God, because God is love—so you can’t know him if you don’t love. This is how God showed his love for us: God sent his only Son into the world so we might live through him.”

~ 1 John 4:7-9 (Message)
Younger Generation Church [YG] is the vibrant young adult ministry of the Arlington Seventh-day Adventist Church. Our MISSION is to deepen our devotion to Jesus Christ by pursuing INTIMACY with GOD, experiencing COMMUNITY with each other, and inspiring those around us with the hope of GRACE.

YG began just after the turn of the century as a high-energy, contemporary worship service highlighting multimedia, upbeat music, and timely, creative messages – all focused on reaching young adults. Today, YG transcends age and program boundaries, making authentic efforts to foster the great commandment and great commission in new generations.

Join us Saturdays 10:15 AM (Central) In person or online

www.YGchurch.com
Since first appearing on the legendary gospel television show, “Bobby Jones Gospel” at the age of 10, Calvin has been sharing his spiritual gift of music with the world.

Born in Pennsylvania and raised in North Carolina, Calvin Manley is a product of Christian education, having graduated from Pine Forge Academy and later attending Oakwood University. While at Oakwood, Calvin entered the Alabama Music Hall of Fame as a lead vocalist of the world renowned, Oakwood College Aeolians.

In 2002, Calvin released an album as a lead vocalist in the critically acclaimed gospel group, Chapter 5. God blessed their ministry, allowing them to share the stage with artist like Shirley Caesar, Fred Hammond and Commissioned, and Yolanda Adams, to name a few. After 5 years of touring the country and the world, God still has not finished with Calvin.

In 2007, Calvin released a solo album, Spiritual Gifts, Vol. 1. Once again, God carried Calvin’s ministry beyond borders, even giving him a chance to tour worldwide.

Calvin has a style that is very unique to the Christian music scene. Having been compared to the likes of many, Calvin has developed a style all his own. Calvin’s ability to write, arrange, produce and perform, covered with the “anointing” God has given him, makes for a unique, powerful sound that is rarely heard in music today. Now, with a renewed commitment to ministry, God has positioned Calvin to touch hearts and change lives through music once again.
Where were you in life 10 years ago?

When I think back 10 years, I remember it being a special time in my life. I became a father for the first time, and I was transitioning out of the first phase of my professional music career. I had been singing with a well-known gospel group, Chapter 5, and we had moderate success, but God had other plans for me. It’s crazy because now I realize that was just the beginning of where God was taking me.

What goals do you have for your music?

At this point in my life, I want everything I say and do to raise the awareness of God in people. Since I’m called to music ministry, I definitely want to reach the whole world with my music. I want the messages in it to point people to Christ. I gotta be honest with myself too, industry awards would be nice. I mean, it feels good to be recognized for your work. But at the end of the day, the primary goal is to make sure God is pleased.

The best part of waking up is?

The best part of waking up for me everyday is having my wife and kids be the first thing I see. They make me thankful for everyday I have on this Earth. My life can get pretty crazy sometimes, but waking up with my family gives my life balance. They always motivate me, and give me exactly what I need to make it through long, tough days.
Do you have faith in the next generation? Why?

Absolutely! I’d like to think I have stock in the next generation. After all, I am raising three kids of my own. With technology ever-evolving, the ways in which we can connect with the world are endless. The current generation has taken advantage, and is becoming wiser by the moment. The next generation is just going to build on their success.

How can we get back to the basics in our walk with Christ?

I think sometimes we get too busy for God. I mean, even when we’re doing “God’s work,” we can get so preoccupied with being successful, that we forget what really matters. Our relationship with Christ is what defines us. We have to make time for God. We have to go back to doing the things that brought us here. Things like studying God’s Word faithfully, and prayer and meditation. I know it may sound funny, but you’d be surprised how many people just don’t make time for those things anymore.
Socialites is a mentoring group for girls ages 11-17. The group's focus is to develop leadership, service, and academic excellence in our future leaders. Socialites meet monthly to gather for "rap sessions."

These sessions cover a wide range of topics including: avoiding risk behaviors, money management, bullying, personal hygiene, and etiquette. The group also gathers for quarter mother/daughter outings; to foster growing and building the mother/daughter relationship. The outings include overnight excursions, plays, and musicals.

Socialites are active in community service projects and making a difference in the lives of the unrepresented. Annually we host a purity ball to publicly acknowledge the girls’ achievements and commitment to abstinence from all risk behaviors including sex, drugs, and alcohol. This year the ball will be held in December.

This year we have visited several mission and homeless centers, started a barbershop/beauty literacy ministry where we installed book nooks in beauty and barbershops. Socialites are preparing now for a mission trip to a South Dakota Indian Reservations in 2013. For our seniors we launched a helping hands ministry to help the seniors in our community and local churches. We have set a goal to give away 100 hats to Children’s Hospital and will also give toys during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Our mother/daughter Friends Forever 2013 retreat was an awesome weekend of renewal of relationships.

We invite you to join us as a Socialite or mentor in being the change you wish to see in the world. Socialites is sponsored by Beta Qoph Society, a Christian Society for women who want to be Changemakers. For more information contact Bernadict Quarles at 720-885-5575 or Karintha Ragland, Mentor Director at 720-940-5655.
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