

The following are all synonyms

Role model - someone worth imitating

Mentor - person who advises

guide - someone who leads

counsellor - adviser

**Mentor - person who advises – not found in the Bible**

I normally think of mentoring in a business sense as an older more experienced person at a higher level in the company.

Those who are fortunate enough to have a mentor in business will do well.

Sometimes we hear of mentors for someone who has had a troubled life.

**Role model - someone worth imitating** – the word is not found in the Bible, but the principle is.

Mar 1:17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

Where he leads me, I will follow #762

Mar 8:34 And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.

**guide - someone who leads**

Joh 10:3 "To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

Psa 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Psa 43:3 Oh send out thy light and thy truth; let  
them lead me: Let them bring me unto thy holy  
hill, And to thy tabernacles.

Psa 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not  
want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside quiet waters.

Jesus knows all about our struggles;  
He will guide 'til the day is done: #680

Rev 7:17 for the Lamb in the center of the throne  
will be their shepherd, and will guide them to  
springs of the water of life; and God will wipe  
every tear from their eyes.“

Psa 73:24 You guide me with your counsel, and  
afterward you will take me into glory.

## **counsellor – adviser**

Isa 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

In all of these we find that Jesus is our guide, our counsellor, our mentor and our role model.

He will not leave us nor forsake us.

Heb 13:5-6 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." (6) So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"



Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

As God has led us through His son, we see the image of that perfect family.

Everyone has a role in the family and we learn in the same way we learn from our Savior and His Father.

Mat 7:8-11 "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it shall be opened. (9) "Or what man is there among you, when his son shall ask him for a loaf, will give him a stone? (10) "Or if he shall ask for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? (11) "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!

Fathers are to give good gifts to their children in kindness and love.

The greatest gift that a father can give is the discipline that will allow his child to do well.

Eph 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord,  
for this is right. (2) HONOR YOUR FATHER AND  
MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a  
promise), (3) SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH  
YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE  
EARTH. (4) Fathers, do not provoke your  
children to anger, but bring them up in the  
discipline and instruction of the Lord.

among the things that the “discipline and instruction of the Lord” entails are:

the Scriptures which are able to make the children *wise for salvation through faith in Christ*  
*Jesus* 2Tim 3.15

Children need to be taught a trade – either by the parents or through schooling and to avoid idleness.

2Th 3:7 For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, (8) nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. (9) It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. (10) For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. (11) For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies.

Paul was sent for Bible instruction –  
Act 22:3 “I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but  
brought up in this city, educated at the feet of  
Gamaliel according to the strict manner of the  
law of our fathers, being zealous for God as all of  
you are this day.

He was also prepared to support himself –  
Act 18:3 and because he was of the same trade  
he stayed with them and worked, for they were  
tentmakers by trade.

Our children need to be taught the “Christian virtues.”

2Pe 1:5-8 For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, (6) and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, (7) and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. (8) For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.



We talk about these “virtues” at church, but they are learned at home by the example of their parents as they see the fruit of the Spirit in their parents lives.

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (23) gentleness, self-control

Heb 12:5 ... -9 and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, "MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM; (6) FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES."

(7) It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? (8) But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. (9) Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live?

Young men need to be taught leadership in the home and the church just as young women need to be taught proper behavior.

1Ti 2:8 I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; 9 likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, 10 but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works.

Eph 5:3-4 But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. (4) Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.

Young men and women should learn from the role models they see just as they read the Scriptures.

Eph 5:22-25 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. (23) For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. (24) Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. (25) Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,

As you embark on your life, Ecc 12:1 Remember  
also your Creator in the days of your youth,

Learn from your role models. 1Co 11:1 Be  
imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

As your role models have obeyed God, start on  
your journey now.

Act 22:16 And now what are you waiting for? Get  
up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling  
on his name.'