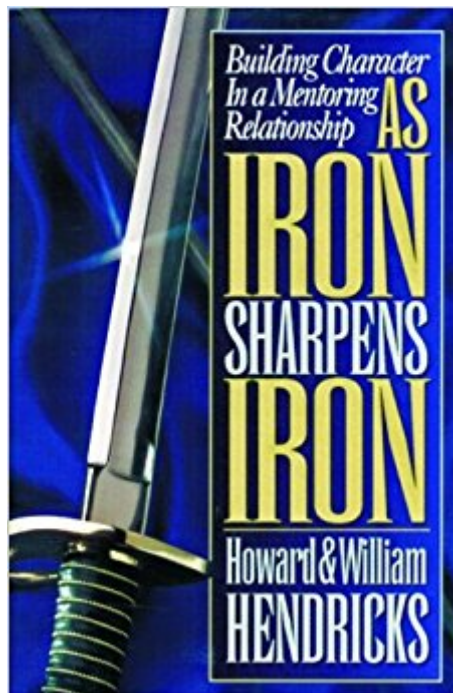




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# As Iron Sharpens Iron: Building Character In A Mentoring Relationship



## Synopsis

Think about the people who influenced your life most. Why did they do it? What did they do? How did they go about it? Answer these questions and you will be hooked on mentoring for the rest of your life. In *As Iron Sharpens Iron*, respected authors Howard and Bill Hendricks show that the most dramatic spiritual and personal growth often happens through the influence of a mentor. Rooted in biblical principles, this book is both a profound and practical guide to mentoring relationships for men. You'll learn how to:

- Identify the kind of mentor you need
- Maximize your mentoring relationship
- Model your relationship after biblical examples
- Grow through the shared wisdom of another believer
- Influence others as you replicate the mentoring process.

Whether you are looking for a mentor or wish to mentor someone else, this book provides specific steps to begin the relationship and make the most of it.

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## Customer Reviews

For more than 35 years I have known, loved, and admired Howie Hendricks. I am not alone. He has left his mark on thousands of lives. In a real sense, only he knows the mentoring secrets that have marked men for a lifetime. I'm grateful he has decided to put into print his mentoring guidelines and techniques. They are threads drawn from the fabric of God's timeless tapestry. *As Iron Sharpens Iron* will be the classic on mentoring. I commend Howie and his son Bill for this contribution to our lives. -Chuck Swindoll, President, Dallas Theological Seminary, Radio Bible Teacher, Insight for Living

Howard and Bill Hendricks have produced a book much-needed in

America today.Â As Iron Sharpens Iron is a classic Hendricks approach to life.Â Insightful, inspiring, and encouraging.Â No one will put the book down unchanged.Â Great information.-Zig Ziglar, Author and SpeakerHoward Hendricks is always worth listening to.Â Having benefitted in a life-changing way from being mentored by a man thirty years my senior, I can recommend mentoring enthusiastically.Â As Iron Sharpens Iron gives you a valuable "how to" guide to the process.-Bob Buford, Author of Halftime: Changing Your Game Plan from Success to SignificanceMentoring, as my good friend Howard and his son Bill suggest, is one of the most powerful yet under-utilized disciplines for men today.Â My life would not have taken the course it did without the input of a few key men along the way.Â As a coach, I saw firsthand the difference between players who had trusted mentors, and those who unfortunately did not.Â This straightforward book will inspire and motivate you in a profound way.Â I highly recommend it.-Tom Landry, NFL Hall of Fame, Dallas CowboysDr. Howard Hendricks is one of my favorite people.Â He combines a great wit and keen intellect in his teaching.Â Both Howard and Bill have provided a much-needed message for Christians today: We all need mentors along life's path.Â Their book also helps us to understand that we need to mentor others.Â I highly recommend it.-Larry Burkett, Founder and President, Christian Financial ConceptsThis book is a balanced combination of solid biblical principles and fascinating personal experiences.Â It grips you, instructs you, and excites you about doing what God wants you to do.Â It makes mentoring an adventure that leads to maturity and service.-Warren W. Wiersbe, Author and Conference SpeakerI have admired, respected, and loved Howard Hendricks for more than forty years.Â As a speaker and writer on leadership and mentoring, he is without equal.Â Mentoring and being mentored are among the most important but often missed relationships in life.Â Howard Hendricks' wisdom and insights are a treasure, and I recommend this book with enthusiasm.Â This book can change your life--and that of another.-Bill Bright, Campus Crusade for Christ InternationalI can think of no one in the Christian world better qualified to speak on mentoring than Howie Hendricks.Â I am a product of his mentoring and can honestly say that few have shaped my life as he has.Â In this book, Howard and Bill do a phenomenal job of challenging those who need to be mentored, as well as those who need to mentor.Â This is a significant book.-Ronald W. Blue, Founder and Managing Partner, Ronald Blue and Co.An outstandingly helpful book on the powerful concept of mentoring--something every Christian needs to be involved in.Â A great resource.-Lorne C. Sanny, The NavigatorsHoward and Bill Hendricks' book could not come at a more important time in the history of the church and our nation.Â There is such a need, especially in the urban communities, for mentors--people who can encourage and challenge our youth and be personal examples of how to live.Â I strongly

recommend this book.-John Perkins, Publisher, Urban Family Magazine

The process of mentoring means duplicating and even multiplying.Â Howie and Bill Hendricks present great insight into theÂ entire process of mentoring.Â It is a bookÂ worth reading, and then doing.-Norm Sonju, COO andÂ GeneralÂ Manager, The Dallas Mavericks

Anytime I can sit at Howie Hendricks' feet to learn, I'llÂ do it.Â Reading this book is no exception!Â I cannot think of an individual more qualified by the experience and insight to address effective spiritual mentoring thanÂ Howard.Â Here's a graphic manual, eminently practical and applicable, by one who speaks out of his experience in the fine art of mentoring.Â Don't miss his insights!-Ted W. Engstrom, President Emeritus, WorldÂ Vision

There's a long line of men in front of me with whom I share one thing in common: Howard Hendricks is our spiritual mentor.Â Every Timothy has a Paul.Â Dr. Hendricks is a Paul to us.Â HisÂ iron has sharpened our ax.Â Lay yours upon theÂ grinder and watch the sparks fly!-Joe White, President, Kanakuk-Kanakomo Kamps, Inc.

Bravo!Â Howard and Bill offer refreshing, straight talk about men's needs, our tendencyÂ to avoid them, and some down-to-earth help.Â I felt invited toÂ break out of some bad habits and ruts and to form some partnerships with other men of faith.Â Thank you!-Pete Hammond, Director, Marketplace-InterVarsity ChristianÂ Fellowship

Mentoring is not an option, it is a necessity.Â Dr. Hendricks andÂ Bill give profound yet practical insight on the priority, process, and practice of this vital need in every man's life.Â Â -Tony Evans, Author, Speaker,Â Senior Pastor

Howard Hendricks addresses a critical issue in today's issue in today's world with a clarity and directness that reaches both the mind and theÂ heart.-Jerry Bridges,Â The Navigators

Howard Hendricks is a mentor ofÂ mentors!Â Christian leaders around the world have been marked by this man.Â As teacher, coach, guide, and patriarch, he has mentored thousands in aÂ ministry of multiplication.Â MayÂ his tribe increase!Â Together with his son Bill, they have captured these transferable secrets.-John Van Diest, President, Vision HouseÂ Publishing

This book challenges us to build into the life of another person as well as be responsive to having our life enhanced by another.Â It effectivelyÂ convincesÂ us that our physical, mental, and spiritual journeys of life urgently need a "Paul," a "Barnabas," and a "Timothy" relationship.Â Â YouÂ will find this book encouraging, inspiring, convicting, and enjoyable.Â We needÂ it!-Jack A.Â Turpin, Founder and Chairman, Hall-Mark Electronic Co.

As you read this book, you will learn more about the importance of relationships in the process ofÂ becoming what God wants you to be.Â Howard and Bill help us to understand theÂ importance ofÂ others in the process of becoming.Â -C. William Pollard, Chairman, The ServiceMaster Co.Â

The late Dr. Howard G. Hendricks remains a legendary figure in the memory of countless Christians

worldwide. In sixty years at Dallas Theological Seminary, Prof Hendricks is estimated to have taught more than 30,000 students, and through them now impacts tens of millions throughout the world. He ministered in more than eighty countries through speaking engagements, radio, books, and recordings (including the DVD series, Living By The Book). For a period of time he was also a Bible teacher and chaplain for the Dallas Cowboys football team. Dr. Hendricks and his wife Jeanne were married for sixty-five years, and he was the father of four children, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. WILLIAM D. HENDRICKS Bill Hendricks is President of The Giftedness Center, a Dallas-based consulting firm specializing in organizational effectiveness and individual career guidance. He is the author or coauthor of twenty books, including Your Work Matters to God, Living by the Book, and The Power of Uniqueness. He has written for numerous publications and shares his thoughts regularly at [www.BillHendricks.net](http://www.BillHendricks.net). Bill holds an undergraduate degree in English from Harvard University, a master of science in mass communications from Boston University, and a master of arts in biblical studies from Dallas Theological Seminary. He is the proud father of three grown daughters by his late wife, Nancy, and is now re-married to Lynn Turpin Hendricks.

This is an excellent book on mentoring and the importance of having a more mature Christian speak into your life! Well done!

As Iron Sharpens Iron is an extremely practical and insightful book covering all aspects of mentoring relationships. Part One takes a close look at these from the perspective of a man (really, of anyone) seeking a mentoring relationship. Part Two flips things around to look from the mentor's perspective - why mentor, what to look for in a protege, how to help the your mentoring partner set a learning agenda, and more. There is also a helpful appendix on how to establish a mentoring program in your church. The principles within apply well both in formal mentoring contexts as well as informal. Both have advantages, but the authors make a strong case for informal mentoring relationships and taking things slow (especially for men). Here are some of the highlights I found within the book:

- \* Established the benefits of mentoring relationships for all, including peer mentoring
- \* Very practical and realistic advice on initiating mentoring relationships (one of the most common stumbling blocks)
- including a nice list of 20 ideas for starting such a relationship
- \* Clear focus that mentoring is about relationships, with intentionality for growth
- \* The ten marks of a mentor - as well as the profile of a protege
- \* A very useful guide in the appendix for personal or group use, to walk a person or pair through the book and apply it
- \* Overall, an approach that seems like it would work well with modern

(and postmodern) audiences of all ages One of my favorite tips in the book was that when talking to someone about initiating a mentoring relationship, don't use the word mentor or mentoring!?! It tends to scare many people off unnecessarily. In talking to several men, both younger and older, I've found this to be quite true. Likewise, if you're looking to start a mentoring program, they suggested that you don't actually make it a "program", and that you don't have to refer to it as "mentoring". I've read many books and articles on mentoring in the past few months. I now wish I started with this book - it pulls together many best practices and great ideas that I've seen scattered across many other sources. The target audience for the book is definitely men, and leaders of men's ministry. Yet the principles and practices taught definitely seem applicable to any audience.

As always, Dr. Hendricks comes through again with timely advice for being a mentor and friend to other men. I have profited much from his writings and this one deserves to be read and re-read.

I have yet to be disappointed with anything written by Howard Hendricks. In this book, he does a superb job of presenting the tremendous worth and transforming power of a mentoring relationship between two men. While these principles would also apply to a woman-to-woman relationship, Hendricks is writing to provide support for the Christian men's movement "Promise Keepers." There are two sections to this work: how to find a mentor, and how to be a mentor. Hendricks emphasizes there are many more men seeking mentors than there are men who are willing to be mentors. He discourages actually using the title of "mentor" when establishing such a supportive relationship, for fear it will intimate one of the parties. Instead, he promotes referring to the interaction as what would occur between two friends. Hendricks also describes how to spot a mentor or a protégé, then how to avoid common pitfalls of such an arrangement. For anyone seeking to learn from a respected male friend, or for someone seeking to invest his life-lessons of experience in a younger man, this book is simply invaluable.

Good instruction for mentoring!

This book has inspired me to grow and help my fellow brothers to grow.

#ONAMISSION!!! Recommended for all to read. Thanks for such a great book and insight.

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I reviewed some 11 books on mentoring this past summer, and this one written by Prof towards the end of the Promise Keepers movement is still the best out there. Mentoring still is a scarce commodity in our culture, and getting it started is still difficult and not much has changed in close to 20 years. This book is for both mentors and mentees (proteges).

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