

Life teaches us a lot of things through experience. The things we've learned about spiritual matters through the Word of God and the Spirit of God are also a treasure of information. Have you ever considered that you may be the exact person to invest in a child, a student, a new believer, or struggling friend? God uses us to invest in and lead others. In turn, this helps grow our own faith and knowledge. Let's become the people who pour into others, encouraging them and helping them grow!

What you will need: A Bible or your Bible app, a notebook, pen, and highlighter. The verses highlighted below are linked so that you can easily access them during your study time.

Jump Start

1. Tell us who has invested in you and made a lasting impression. Is there someone who tried to mentor you, but you just didn't "get it" at the time?
2. Read [Philippians 4:9](#), [1 Corinthians 11:1](#), and [Philippians 3:17](#). What is your initial impression of these verses? How would you feel saying some of these phrases to your child, your co-worker, or another adult in your life? Are there some areas where you are currently mentoring others?
3. Read [Colossians 4:5-6](#). List the things that we are told to do, say, or how to behave in this verse. Share one situation where you have (or could) apply this verse. Possibly share the most difficult aspect of this verse for you.
4. **Final Thought:** *Be willing to "empty your cup."* Make a list of "things" in your cup: wisdom, skills, talents, or experiences you could share. Pray and ask God for opportunities to invest in others. If you are willing to pray that prayer this week, let someone in your Life Group know so that they can pray with you. (If you need a little push, remember [Matthew 25:26-27](#).)

Deeper

There are so many examples of Bible heroes and personages who poured into others. Let's look at a few. In each case, note how the person invested in another. Note also the result.

5. Phillip and the Ethiopian official: **Read [Acts 8:26-40](#)**.

6. Moses and Joshua: **Read [Exodus 24:13, 33:11, Numbers 13:16, 27:18-20, 22-23, Deuteronomy 31:7, 14, 34:9](#)**.

7. Elijah and Elisha: **Read [1 Kings 19:13-16, 19-21, 2 Kings 2:1-16](#)**.

8. Paul and Silas: **Read [Acts 15:22, 25-27, 32-40, 16:25-34, 17:13-15](#)**.

9. Mordecai and Esther: **Read [Esther 2:5-11, 16-18, 21-23, 4:1, 4-17](#)**.

10. Elizabeth and Mary: **Read [Luke 1:5-7, 11-17, 24-28, 30-31, 38-45](#)**.