

33. *Golden Times*

Are you putting aside some gold and materials for those who will follow you? David did this for his son Solomon. If you are in your 50's its time to sacrifice some of your energy and premium time for your protégés who will take over from you when you depart. It involves a decision to accomplish a bit less personally, and invest in the emerging generation so they multiply your contribution across their ministry years. You will do less and coach more, and this won't show up on your curriculum vitae. And if you have youth on your side, and are relatively green in the teaching profession, you are able to consider seeking out the cloak of an experienced and grey haired professional who has a record of faithful service, (bible ref). Part of the price might be that you have to be patient with their repeated accounts of the "golden olden days", and the package that their advice comes in. Such a relationship can leapfrog forwards your career and usefulness to the Kingdom of God. Your reward will be to receive a baton of honour that you can run with, so that the accolades of the stadium crowd don't shape your life responses. You will run to please The Coach, and only Him.



So mentor and protégé both invest in each other, and sacrifice things. The fires of what both put on the altar before God will result in something wonderful that heaven fashions. Both parties pray for each other regularly, and a divine transfusion is poured into each in a form of synergy such that the output is much greater than what two professionals could naturally produce.

Elijah and Elisha exemplify this mentor- protégé relationship

2 Kings 2:13-14 *Then he picked up Elijah's cloak that had fallen from him, returned to the shore of the Jordan, and stood there. He took Elijah's cloak - all that was left of Elijah! - and hit the river with it, saying, "Now where is the God of Elijah? Where is he?" When he struck the water, the river divided and Elisha walked through.*