

Go and See.

Tool 8: Relationship Investment Plan

Tool Defined : Our lives are meant to spur others on toward love and good deeds. Not as an option. But as a need. This doesn't often happen naturally. Yes, we may find ourselves in relationships no matter what, but it takes discipline and intentionality in order to foster relationships that spur others on. Likewise, it takes perseverance and humility to invite others into our life with the specific intention of asking them to spur us on. Finding just one person to do be the sole source of your spurring isn't the goal because God has given us an entire body of voices to help guide us. We need to have relate to our season of life, but we also need people who have gone before us. We need people who are full of affirmation for what they see in us. Yet, that should be balanced with people who are courageous enough to help us see gaps or nearsightedness in our thinking or behaviors. Conversely, we shouldn't be another person's sole source of spurring. For all the same reasons.

In addition, it is important to remember there is a danger in believing the lie that no one needs you or that your life is not impacting others. Seeing this and committing to growing more consistent in your intentionality toward investing in others who need your encouraging words and or who need to see the example of life that you live, will likely grow you in ways you can't even envision completely right now.

This tool is designed to have you take inventory of the people in your life right now, and examine if there are some types of voices missing in your time. Then make a plan of how to intentionally create time and space to invest in a relationship that you are in need of. Secondly, you will use this tool to outline the ways you can begin to intentionally invest in relationships that build others up because of you being a part of what they need to be spurred on.

Instructions

- 1) Take 10-15 minutes to answer each of the following questions with names and **reasons each name fits the answer**. Then write an estimated amount of time you spend investing in these relationships.

Who do you need?	Names	Estimated amount of investing time
Who are your mission-minded, like-minded friends?		
Who are people who make you love God more?		

Who can you safely share your soul with?		
Who are mentors you go to for guidance and perspective?		

2) As you examine the names and the amount of time you spend investing in these relationships, are there any that are needing more time and investing in? If so, create a plan for what that will look like in the coming weeks, months or year. Write it below or in your journal:

3) Take 10-15 minutes to answer each of the following questions with names and **reasons each name fits the answer**. Then write an estimated amount of time you spend investing in these relationships.

Who needs you?	Names	Estimated amount of investment time
Who is seeing God through you?		
Who are you discipling?		
Who are people who don't know Jesus but know you?		

4) As you examine the names and the amount of time you spend investing in these relationships, are there any that are needing more time and investing in? If so, create a plan for what that will look like in the coming weeks, months or year. Write it below or in your journal:

***The above chart is adapted from the, [Restless Study, by Jennie Allen](#)**