**PRACTICAL APPLICATION FOR THE MENTOR:**

**The Cornerstone Activity should be located in the central gathering place of the home. Make sure it is visible and is a constant reminder that TRUTH is the cornerstone of life for VIPs.**

**CASE STUDY: A good friend of mine has three boys: the youngest is 4, the middle son is 9, and the oldest is 16 years old. When my friend works through the Cornerstone Activity with his boys, the two youngest prioritize money as their least important Thing of Value because their father provides them with what little money they require. However, because the oldest son wants to participate in social events, go on dates, buy a car, and participate in other activities that require money for which his dad is not providing, he ranks money as one of his top two Things of Value.**

**My friend is recording the way each of his sons prioritize the Things of Value and Character Traits. He is very excited to have a tangible way of tracking their growth and maturity.**

**Also, when the Cornerstone Activity is put together, it is a tangible expression of what the VIP believes. As their mentor, my friend holds his sons accountable to the way they prioritize the Things of Value. The youths' actions in their every day life should be consistent with what they believe! If the VIP prioritizes family but spends the majority of his/her time playing video games (recreation) and rejects family activities, my friend will ask his son why. He follows up by asking if his son needs to reprioritize the things in life that he values most. It is easier to act in a certain way than it is for them to make a tangible expression of how they are acting. It becomes very real very fast.**

**It is fun to have a chance to provide positive reinforcement when they realize that their actions are in line with what they believe. Likewise, it is fun to see the expression on their faces when they realize that their actions have not been in line with what they believe.**

**Benefits:**

1. **The VIP will have a daily reminder that TRUTH should be the cornerstone of their life.**
2. **When faced with difficult choices, the VIP will know who they are as a person and will be better prepared to stand up for what they believe is right.**
3. **The mentor will have opportunities to actually mentor or influence how the VIP prioritizes the Things of Value and Character Traits.**
4. **The mentor will have an opportunity to track and record the growth and maturity of their VIP.**
5. **The mentor has a way to hold the VIP accountable to the way they prioritized the Things of Value and Character Traits. The daily actions of a VIP should be consistent with the way they prioritize the blocks.**
6. **By knowing what the VIP believes, the mentor should know what to expect from them and the VIP should know what to expect from the mentor.**

**It will be up to you, the mentor, to capture life's lessons as they present themselves and plug them into the Cornerstone Activity. Use the Cornerstone Game Book to keep these learning activities interesting and fun.**

**Making a Personal Vision Statement can be exciting … by putting together the Cornerstone Activity, your VIP will begin to know who they are and define who they want to be.**