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**The following thoughts on mentoring are from a devotional by Richard Rohr. I wanted to share this with you, my dear friends.**

To be around your mentor is to be near the fire. A fire does two things. It warms you, but it also burns you. If you don't allow your mentor to burn you once in a while—if you're not willing to bear a little offense to your ego and to be stretched beyond your comfort zone—then it's not a mentor relationship from your side.

But a mentor also warms you. They excite you. They fill you with the curiosity, the adventure, the possibility and the hope that you can be more of a human being. This is the thrilling part. This warmth gives you a sense of your true self—of your best self. That's what you want. You want your soul to grow greater and your ego to grow smaller.

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