

# **BECOMING A WORLD CHANGER PT. 2**

## **SOWING SEEDS THAT CHANGE THE WORLD**

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**I. Introduction:** We are talking about developing the habits of world changers, those who live lives that become an influence for Jesus Christ in a way that draw people to a personal relationship with Him. We've talked about how world changers think differently. Today we are talking about how world changers "give differently." They are committed to a life style of sowing seeds that change the world.

A. Some observations about "seeds"

1. Seeds are small but \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Seeds are \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Seeds have amazing potential to \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Part of why this is important is because the Bible draws our attention to the important analogy between evangelism and farming. Just like in farming how we manage and nurture the fields determines how great the harvest will be. How we sow and water the seed of the message of Christ will affect how many people our lives influence for Christ.

C. Definition of a seed

A seed is anything that we have: time, talent, treasure, kindness, opportunities, truth... that we offer to God to allow Him to use as a \_\_\_\_\_ to reach people for Christ.

World changers are people who live their lives turning what they have into something God can use to show His love to people. World changers are those who move from being consumers in life to \_\_\_\_\_ of life.

**They turn:**

- Conversations into edifications
- Concerns into prayer
- Carnal cash into kingdom currency
- Friendship into fellowship
- Every day journeys into mission trips

*"Small things done with great love will change the world."* –Mother Teresa

**II. Ways Jesus showed us how to sow seeds that change the world (John 4:27-42)**

A. Focus your life on \_\_\_\_\_ instead of getting.

The disciples were focused on food (physical fruit) Jesus was focused on God's heart for souls (spiritual fruit). *"My meat is to do the will of Him who sent me."* (vs. 34)

The key to knowing God's will in any situation is to ask God what He might be wanting to do in this situation to show His love to others. (To put up road signs to people away from God who need direction in finding their way home)

Do you see your family, your company as your harvest field? Do you see your main calling as sowing and watering people's hearts so they can know the Lord?

B. Jesus gave what He \_\_\_\_\_. To be a sower is to offer whatever the simple thing you have or what you can do in that moment to the Lord as a seed He can use.

## Four things the Bible mentions as seeds.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
*“Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying their sheaves with them.” (Ps. 126:5-6)*
2. Acts of \_\_\_\_\_ *“It’s the kindness of God that leads to repentance.” (Rom. 2:4)*  
If you even give a cup of water in my name you shall have a reward.  
The best way to prepare the soil of people’s heart is to serve your way into their heart.  
  
Kindness is an act of spiritual warfare; it is a way of allowing light to penetrate the darkness.
  - “Make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred let me sow love; where there is injury pardon. Where there is doubt faith; where there is despair hope, where there is darkness light, where there is sadness joy.” (prayer of St. Francis)
  - “Create an atmosphere of God’s love and kindness in your city and you will see people come to Christ continually.” –Steve Sjogren

3. Sharing the \_\_\_\_\_, the word of our testimony. *“My Word shall not return void, it shall produce fruit in the place that I send it.” (Isa. 55:11)*

4. Giving offerings, sowing \_\_\_\_\_ seeds

God promises that the more we sow financially into the kingdom the more we will have financially to sow into the kingdom.

*“Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.” (2 Cor. 9:10-11)*

- C. Jesus taught us that we change the world by being \_\_\_\_\_ in our sowing, simply being faithful to do our part and trusting God to do His part.  
*“We sow, another waters, but God gives the increase.” (1 Cor. 3:6)*

We often don’t see fruit in the place that we sow but we will eventually see fruit because we’ve sown. “Today it takes between 12 and 20 significant touches (seeds sown) in a seeker’s heart before they are ready to step across the line of faith.” –Steve Sjogren

- D. Sowers change the world by understanding that effective sowing involves a \_\_\_\_\_ effort. *“I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.” (Jn. 4:37-38)*

The harvest takes not only many workers but different kinds of workers with different roles. Do you know what your role is? How does God most effectively use you in spreading the gospel? Are you an Abraham, a Barnabas, an Andrew, or a Timothy?

- E. Jesus taught us to sow in faith believing that God not only minister through the seed, but will \_\_\_\_\_ the seed beyond what we can imagine.

- *“You can count the number of seeds in an apple but you cannot count the number of apples in a seed.” Someday you will see that every seed will have counted more than you can imagine. In eternity the most profound picture of reality will be what is written in 2 Corinthians 9:6*
- *“Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.”*

(Answers: I. powerful, enduring, multiply, tool, sowers II. giving, had, prayers, kindness, gospel, financial, patient, team, multiply)