Changing The World by Sowing Seeds March 23, 2014 Galatians 6:10 by Bob Branch

The Secret of the Harvest, Part 5

MAIN IDEA: You've been entrusted with seeds from God that must be sown into the lives of others and will produce heaven's harvest in due time. *What are you doing with those seeds? Who are you sowing into?*

"As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people" Galatians 6:10

God's good seeds to the World.

The seeds are words and works that reveal heaven's $\underline{\text{KING}}$ and $\underline{\text{KINGDOM}}$ to others.

Jesus describes it this way: "<u>The Kingdom of God is like a</u> farmer who scatters seed on the ground. **Mark 4:26-29** NLT

"The whole task of Christian witness is to do what Jesus did: to incarnate the <u>presence</u> of God, the <u>action</u> of God, the <u>word</u> of God wherever you are..." **Eugene Peterson**

WHAT SPECIFIC SEEDS SHOULD I SOW?

1. Sow seeds of the GOSPEL, the Good News-story of Jesus

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow." **1 Corinthians 3:6**

Share the Gospel with people: Jesus is real... loves them.

2. Sow seeds of <u>RECONCILIATION</u>.

Reconciled Upward...

"<u>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through</u> <u>Christ</u> and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us." **2 Corinthians 5:17-21** "<u>When he came to his senses</u>,... I'll say, "I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son... <u>So he got up and went to his father</u>. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him." **Luke 15:17, 20**

"Come home."

Reconciled Outward...

3. Sow seeds of extravagant <u>KINDNESS</u> and <u>MERCY</u>.

"the fruit of the Spirit is... kindness" Galatians 5:22 (Col. 3:12)

"love is kind." 1 Corinthians 13:4

"*learn* what this means: '<u>I desire mercy</u>, not sacrifice.' I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." **Matthew 9:13**

He always moved to bring people closer to God, and God closer to them.

"If we are being called to account today for <u>an act of kindness</u> <u>shown</u> to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed." **Acts 4:9–10**

A kind act, point to Jesus. .

4. Sow seeds of <u>HOPE</u>.

"This isn't all there is."

"since we have such a hope, we are very bold." **2 Corinthians 3:12**