

SOWING SEEDS IN THE FAMILY OF GOD

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The Secret of the Harvest, Part 4

VISION UPDATE:

Mobilizing for God's Greater Purposes... Plant 10 churches

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A Culture of Involvement! **MINISTRY FAIR--Today!**

Organizing, Training-Preparing, Mobilizing...

MAIN IDEA: As we authentically love others, we are sowing seeds into their lives that will grow up into a great harvest if we do not give up.

- “Doing good” to others is a seed sown.
- “Doing good” to others involves working at it.
- “Doing good” to others will, in due time, produce a harvest.
- Looking for “opportunities” to do good to others is a way of life.

What is “doing good” that constitutes a “good seed”?

“The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.” **Galatians 5:6**

The “Love & Other-Directed” life

1. Love **SERVES** others. “*Let me help you with that.*”

“Serve one another in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” **Galatians 5:13-14** (Mat. 20:26)

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.” **Colossians 3:23–24** (Mat. 20:26; 25:35-36, 40)

2. Love **RESTORES** others. “*Let me pull you out of that hole*”

“if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently.” **Galatians 6:1**

“Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace.

2 Corinthians 13:11

3. Love **CARRIES** others burdens. “*Let me lighten your load*”

“Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” **Galatians 6:2** (Rom. 15:1)

Good Samaritan parable (Luke 10:25-37)

“Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.” **Romans 12:15** (John 11:35)

4. Love **SHARES** all good things with others. “*Let me share some of mine*”

“Share all good things” **Galatians 6:6**

“All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.” **Acts 4:32**

JESUS does each of these to/for you.

1. He **SERVES** you through others. (Matthew 20:28; John 14:16)

2. He **RESTORES** you through others. (1 Peter 5:10)

3. He **CARRIES** your burdens through others. (1 Peter 5:7)

4. He **SHARES** all good things with you thru others. (Rom. 8:32; James 1:5)