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**Part 3**

**Sowing Seed For Your Superdream**

We’re on our third week of a four-week focus on **growing**, **sowing**, and **going** in faith.

Let me show you three verses.

* First God wants you to grow in faith. **Colossians 2:7: “Let your roots grow down into him and draw up nourishment from him. See that you go on growing in the Lord, and become strong and vigorous in the truth you were taught. Let your lives overflow with joy and thanksgiving for all he has done.”** God wants you to grow in your faith, not stay in spiritual infancy.
* Then God wants you to sow in faith. I want you to learn to become generous. You cannot become like Christ without becoming generous. **2 Corinthians 9:6 “Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.”** This is the one of the laws of sowing and reaping. You always reap more than you sow. We’re going to focus on the laws of sowing and reaping today. It’s time for you start sowing seed for your superdream.
* So, grow in faith, sow in faith and then God wants you to go in faith. **Hebrews 11:8 “It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going.”** Would you do that? Abraham, was up in years. He was entering retirement, about to hang it up and settle down, and God said, “No, get ready for the greatest adventure of your life.” And God says when you live by faith it involves going, often to places you weren’t planning to go.

So, in this series we’re looking at faith in areas of your growing, giving, and lifestyle.

Why are we doing this? Because everything that God does in and through your life he does by grace through faith.

Here’s an illustration to help you understand. Imagine that there are many pipes coming down from heaven. These are flexible pipes and they’re all ministering God’s manifold grace into every area of your life. There’s a grace for healing flowing into your life, a grace for prosperity, a grace for your marriage and so on.

Once you’re a believer, you’re righteous by faith and you have “access by faith into this grace in which we stand.” That’s what the Bible says in Romans 5:2. When it comes to the blessings of God, all of us enjoy the same inheritance. We’re all on equal footing on the ground of grace.

When Jesus died on the cross, there was an earthquake and God’s heart burst open, and streams of His love, grace, mercy and blessings just flowed out. And since God’s eternal, these streams are eternal. They’ve been flowing ever since Jesus died. They’re flowing all the time. They’re flowing right now.

However, when we worry or choose not to believe God, it’s as if we’re grabbing hold of those flexible pipes, and hindering the flow of God’s grace into those areas of our lives. The more we worry, the more we choose not to believe God, the tighter we grip the pipe and the more it becomes choked. Is His grace still being supplied from heaven? Yes, but the pipe is clogged up with our worries and cares and unbelief. Conversely, in the areas that we aren’t worried about, in the areas where we’re trusting God, His grace flows freely, producing thirtyfold, sixtyfold and finally hundredfold results.

A lot of faith – a lot of flow. A little faith – a little flow. So, God says I want you to develop your faith.

OK, let’s look at a couple of verses.

**Genesis 8:22 “As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest…will never cease.”** There are laws of seedtime and there are laws of harvest.

**Galatians 6:7 “You cannot fool God, so don't make a fool of yourself! You will harvest what you plant.”** It says you will. Not you might! You can count on it.

Today what I want to teach you about is sowing seed for your superdream. And, specifically I want to teach you about God’s laws of planting and harvesting. Or back in the day it was called the laws of sowing and reaping.

If you say the word “sowing” today, most people think of a needle and thread. S-e-w not s-o-w. But when you talk about sowing and reaping - before there was farm machinery people had to sow seed by hand. And it was literally called broadcasting. It was broad casting, or casting seed broadly. You carried a bunch of seed in a sack and as you walked, you would cast the seed broadly.

If you ignore the laws of sowing and reaping in your life, it’s going to hurt you. It’ll harm you. If you wisely use the laws of sowing and reaping in your life, you’re going to be blessed by it.

You can use the laws I’m about to teach you in every single area of your life. You can use the laws of sowing and reaping in relationships -- in your health -- in your finances -- in your career – in achieving your superdream.

The point that I want to make before I get into these laws is this and it’s today’s confession: Whatever I need more of in my life, I must plant a seed in faith.

If you feel like you need more appreciation, you need to start appreciating other people. Plant seeds of appreciation. If you feel like you need more talent, you need to start using the little talent you’ve got and God will give you more. If you need more time, if you need more money, if you need more energy – whatever you need more of you need to learn the laws of planting and harvesting or sowing and reaping. You need to plant in faith what you need.

I want to look at six laws this week and six more next week. Number one:

**1. Everything starts as a seed.**

In **Genesis 1:11** God says this **“Let the earth produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds."** And it was so.”

**2. NOTHING HAPPENS UNTIL A SEED IS PLANTED.**

In **John 12:24** Jesus said **“Unless a kernel of wheat** (that’s a seed) **is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels--a plentiful harvest of new lives.”**

**Mark 4:26-27 “The Kingdom of God is like a farmer who scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, while he's asleep or awake, the seed sprouts and grows, but he does not understand how it happens.”**

**3. WHEN YOU HAVE A NEED YOU should plant a seed.**

**Ecclesiastes 11:6 “Do your planting in the morning and in the evening, too** (In other words, plant all the time!). **You never know whether it will all grow well or whether one planting will do better than the other.”**

**4. Whatever YOU PLANT is what YOU will reap.**

**Galatians 6:7 “You will reap exactly what you plant.”**

**Job 4:8 “People who plant trouble harvest it.”**

**Proverb 22:8 “Those who plant seeds of injustice will harvest disaster.”**

**Matthew 7:2 “Whatever measure you use to judge others will be used to measure how you are judged.”**

**Proverbs 11:18 “The one who sows righteousness will reap a sure reward.”**

**Hosea 10:12 “Plant good seeds of righteousness and you’ll harvest a crop of my love.”**

**James 3:18 “Peacemakers plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of goodness.”**

**Galatians 6:7-8 “The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others, and ignoring God, harvests a crop of weeds**

**5. You ARE NOT the only sower.**

**John 4:38 “I sent you to harvest where you didn't plant; others had already done the work, and now you will get to gather the harvest.”**

**6. YOU always reap in a different season than YOU sow.**

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens…a time to plant and a time to uproot…a time to scatter and a time to gather…”**