



MUSTARD SEED LEADERSHIP PODCAST

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5) Leading people into financial freedom

10 Lessons on how leaders can help their people apply biblical financial wisdom

Part 4: GENEROSITY - Part 1

Last two episodes - Finance and Lordship

- This is the foundation. Getting your finances under the lordship of Jesus.
- Now, under the Lordship of Jesus, how do we move forward?

BIG IDEA: As leaders we need to help people transition from thinking budgets and investments (even though they are good things!) to thinking like a financial FARMER

2 Corinthians 9:6 (NIV)

6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

Sowing and reaping is the Kingdom way in terms of finances

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (NIV)

10 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. 11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

BIG IDEA: Money becomes seed when sown

And note: *"he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food"*

- There are two things you can do with seeds
- Grind them to flour and make bread
- Or plant them for a future harvest
- They look the same and you get to choose

But what the word of God says is that God gives you both

- Your same salary for example contains both seed for bread and seed for sowing
- To be a good steward of your finances means learning to discern and separate the two
- The temptation is to eat all the seed - instead of eating some and sowing some for the next harvest

BIG REVELATION FOR TODAY: The power of seeds is in their ability to multiply

There is a very big difference between scattering say marbles on the ground versus scattering seed on the ground

- Marbles have no life in them
- Seed has life and the potential for future growth and harvest

ILLUST: Take the time to count the seeds on a millie cob

- Approximately 350 seeds
- Plant one of those seeds and within three months it will produce a plant bearing three millie cobs
- So: 3 cobs x 350 seeds = +1000 seeds!

- That’s the power of sowing and reaping- one seed produces 1000 seeds with the right conditions and patience

With that as a revelation, you can break out of a financial hole or poverty spirit!

QUESTIONS:

1. How does the concept of money being seed change your thinking?
2. If money given becomes seed sown, what percentage of your seed do you have in the ground right now?
3. If your income consists of seed for sowing and bread for food, what is the ideal ratio you would want to aspire to?