



# MUSTARD SEED LEADERSHIP PODCAST

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## 6) Leading people into financial freedom

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

### Part 6: GENEROSITY - Part 2

**BIG IDEA FROM LAST WEEK:** Money becomes seed when sown

And..

**THE MORE YOU SOW THE MORE YOU REAP**

**TODAY:** How do you sow in a way to maximise your harvest?

*2 Corinthians 9:6-14 (NIV)*

*6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 9 As it is written:*

*"They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;  
their righteousness endures forever."*

*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.*

**ILLUST:** Asked a few farmers on how to learn to think like a farmer. Here is the result.

### Lessons from a farmer

1. **Soil preparation** - Bible speaks of hard soil, rocky soil, weedy soil or good soil. And the quality of soil determines the quantity of harvest.
  - **Where you sow your financial seed is importantly.**
  - Biblically we see good soil as money used to fund apostolic ministry to extend the gospel.
  - Ministry to the poor and needy in church
  - Taking care of parents and grandparents.
  - SOW FINANCES INTO GOOD SOIL
2. **Seed quality** - not all giving is equal.
  - **It seems the heart of the giver determines the quality of the seed.**
  - Finances sown with a cheerful and generous heart produces more harvest than reluctantly given.
  - SOW FINANCES WITH THE RIGHT HEART.
3. **"Don't skimp on the fertiliser"**
  - **Fertiliser is soil food** - need to feed faith with the promises and testimonies of God.
  - Eg. *"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."*
- LET THE PROMISES OF GOD FEED YOUR FAITH

Luke 6:38 (NIV)

38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

**God will always be generous** - He will generously fill whatever measure you use

- Communion cup, Coffee cup, bucket or swimming pool!

4. **Water quality** - "need to supplement rain. Water pH is critical."

- **Life of the Spirit at work within you.**
- Rain might come in times of corporate worship. But that might not be enough.
- Daily private worship and fellowship with the Holy Spirit.
- Farmers spend a lot of time praying for rain! So should we!
- WATER THE SEED THROUGH WORSHIP NOT WORRY

5. **Don't dig up the seed to check** - Be patient.

- **Trust the process.** Don't give up.
- GOD IS FAITHFUL - TRUST THE LORD

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Do you have any testimonies of sowing and reaping? Tell the story or meditate on what God has done in the past.
2. Of the 5 points of thinking like a farmer, which of them stands out to you the most? Why do you think that is?
3. If you are in a financial mess right now, start to think like a farmer and plan out how you are trusting to grow your finances Kingdom style.