

# **SEEDS**

## **Part 2: Relationship Seeds**

*Matthew 13:31 NKJ ... The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed ...*

### **I. CHALLENGES TO DEVELOPING A SEEDS PERSPECTIVE**

#### **A. We all sow seeds**

1. Seeds can be words, actions, material goods, prayers

#### **B. Two key areas of resistance (*Galatians 6:7 & 9 NKJ*)**

1. Do not believe in the seeds principle
2. Tired of sowing good seeds

### **II. A WISE WOMAN PLANTS EXCELLENT RELATIONAL SEEDS (*1 Sam 25:23-31 NIV*)**

#### **A. Abigail went to the one who could resolve the problem**

1. She did not criticize Nabal for his stupidity
2. She went directly to David

#### **B. She came bringing gifts**

1. Food was even more precious in that day than today
2. Gifts have a way of calming things

#### **C. She believed in David**

1. Abigail's husband treated David as a runaway slave
2. She believed that God had picked David to be the next king

#### **D. Abigail was concerned about David's interests**

1. Not just her own safety and that of her household
2. She did not want a wrong action to weigh on David's heart

### **III. RELATIONSHIP SEEDS ANYONE CAN PLANT**

#### **A. Go to the one who can fix the problem**

1. Not complaining to other people
2. Many times the "One" to go to is God

#### **B. Gifts you give are seeds you sow**

1. Many ways to give - listening, time spent, material gifts, kind acts
2. Have to resist the fear of giving (*Galatians 6:9-10 NKJV*)

#### **C. Plant for win/win seeds**

1. Not just what works for you, but what works best for them (*1 Corinthians 10:24 NKJV*)

#### **D. Plant seeds of encouragement**

1. Too much cold cynicism in the world - become someone who believes the best
2. Look for signs of God working in those around you