

Seeding the Future with Hope

I. Future Containers – The Brilliance of Seeds

A seed an embryonic information capsule, carrying all the instructions needed for increase and multiplication. A seed is alive and packed with **almost limitless potential**.

Seeds are God's future containers. Seeds contain God's blueprint for the future. Seeds are God's development plan and disaster recovery plan.

Gen 1:28 NKJV Then God **blessed** them, and God **said** to them, "Be **fruitful** and **multiply**; **fill** the earth ..."

29 And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields **seed** which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields **seed**; to you it shall be **for food**."

II. GM Seeds (God-Mandated)

A. Our children are seeds. It's stunning to me that the Creator Himself becomes a seed of His creation and in so doing, breaks the bondage of decay and releases the power of an endless life!

Gen 3:15 NKJV And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and **her Seed**;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel."

B. Inherent in Time Structure of creation!

Gen 8:22 "While the earth remains, **Seedtime** and **harvest**,
Cold and heat, Summer and winter,
Day and night Shall not cease."

C. Eternal Purposes are in seeds of **joy!** “*Yitzhak*”

Gen 21:12 NKJV But God said to Abraham, “Do not let it be displeasing in your sight ...; for **in Isaac your seed shall be called.**

The seed of **JOYFUL, CRAZY LAUGHTER** blesses all the nations on Earth

Gen 26:4 NKJV And I will make your (Isaac’s) *descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your *descendants all these lands; and **in your seed** all the nations of the earth shall be blessed;

FEARLESS LIVING & FEARLESS GIVING

Ps 46.1 God is our refuge and strength,
a **very present** help in trouble.

2 Therefore **we will not fear** though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

No matter what happens, we will not FEAR.

Pessimism is low grade fear. It is an expectation of EVIL rather than GOOD.

Many people are pessimistic. **[SLIDES 4-9]**

God is optimistic. He is a God of HOPE. He is our REFUGE and STRENGTH and a **WELL-PROVEN, EXTREMELY PRESENT** help in TROUBLE.

The earth gives way The mountains melt – It hasn’t happened!

Often people expect the worst. This is TOXIC, producing

- **Short term view of life:** why educate our children, build businesses, innovate, or influence our nation?
- **We stop building** and investing in the future – burying our talent
- **We don’t influence** the system for good
- **We look for flaws** in the system **vs** the **opportunities**, rejoice when the system fails

- We **expect** (attract) the **negative**
- We **go broke**: Awaiting stock market crashes. Stock market goes up 75% of the time.
- We live under a perpetual cloud: "I feel like I am just waiting for the hammer to fall."

That's not God's way. He delights in your success! Ps 35:27

The greatest gift we can give our children and the people around us is our cheerful trust in God's personal commitment to each of our lives, and to the future!

D. Words are Seeds, containing a potential future. Every word contains in a future reality in an immature form.:

Luke 8:11 Now the parable is this: *The seed is the word of God.*

Our words are also seeds!

Children flourish in an atmosphere of HOPE. Even a WORD of HOPE can set their course. You can become anything you really want to become.

What we say can have impact around the world. When we are consistent, we can impact the people around us.

E. Offerings are Seeds, containing a potential future. Every offering contains in a future reality in an immature form. It releases the creative activity of God:

F. Acts of Kindness are Seeds, containing a potential future.

Luke 6:35 But love your enemies, and do good,... **36** Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

37 "**Judge not**, and you will not be judged; **condemn not**, and you will not be condemned; **forgive**, and you will be forgiven; **38 give**, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down,

shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

2 things NOT TO DO – don’t get hurt & bitter, seeing everyone and everything as bad, don’t make final judgments... Well, that’s it, that’s all there is.

Forgive! This is the Royal Generosity

Give! It all comes back! Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over.

Same measure. Use a BIGGER measure!

II. The Importance of Sowing!

Sowing seed is the intelligent response to faith in God’s SOVEREIGN purposes. As seed sowers, we participate in filling the earth with the glory of the Lord, the knowledge of the Lord and the joy of the Lord!

We have a different sense of time and timing than the world, because we are both seeing and participating in a higher realm, a superior reality.

Gen 26:12 Then Isaac **sowed** in that land, and **reaped** in the same year a **hundredfold**; and the LORD blessed him. **13** The man began to **prosper**, and **continued prospering** until he became **very prosperous**; **14** ... So the Philistines **envied** him. NKJV

Ministry: Prayer for the traumatized, the disappointed, the discouraged. Declaration that the windows of Heaven will open for them. The God of HOPE will be revealed.

Heb 4.16 Let us then **with confidence** draw near to the **throne of grace**, that we may **receive** mercy and **find** grace **to help** in time of need.