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## Leader Letter

December 2018

FOR CHARACTER • FOR RELATIONSHIPS • FOR LIFE

### Seed of the Month:

## Pardon

Forgiveness & Release



*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness..*

– 1 John 1:9

### When Pardon Grows:

- People receive the blessing of forgiveness.
- Reconciliation, if needed, is possible.
- People around the parties involved also benefit.
- People invest more time and energy in the more important things in life

### Affirming Thoughts:

- The Lord has forgiven me of so much!
- I appreciate that others have pardoned me.
- Pardon renews relationships.
- Pardon releases us to move on together.

*There is nothing so advantageous to a man as a forgiving disposition.*

– Terence



*The quality of our relationships reflects the quality of our lives.*

### Forgiveness - A Priceless Gift:

There are so many celebrations during the Christmas Season with music, gifts, lavish meals and decorations. Yet the true Author of our celebrations, Jesus, came humbly in a borrowed, unheated stable with hay as His crib mattress. Yet what an impact Jesus has had upon our world by giving Himself to us in unending love on an old rugged cross. He gave all of Himself so that we can be forgiven by God and man. *Let's honor Him this Christmas by giving others the gift of forgiveness.*



### 12 Seeds classes at Red Wing Prison:

On November 20, Pastor Dwight Anderson with Prison Mission Association (PMA) and Norm Andersen with 12 Seeds presented a class entitled "12 Skills for a Better Life." The class was presented two times to different groups of inmates. 12 Seeds books and workbooks were given to each participant. During the classes the "Introductory Worksheet" and the "Introductory Match-up Exercise" were used. Both of these tools, plus a Leader's version, are downloadable from our website. They are easy to use and serve to get people thinking about the importance of relationships and about what each seed means. To see them, or to download them, [click here](#). This will take you to the Free Training Tools section of our website. Scroll down until you find the exercises. During the sessions, Pastor Dwight also introduced the PMA Bible correspondence course and gave out Bibles.



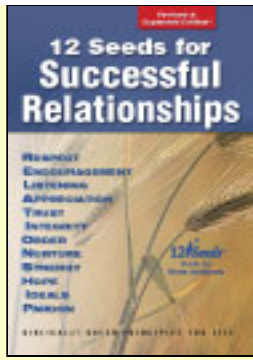
### Baggage/Transference Exercise - Pardon:

Are there experiences you have had in the past that hurt you deeply? Is it possible those feelings surface when dealing with relationships in the present? The Baggage Transference Exercise - Pardon, written by Pat Malloy, can help explore these questions, and help find release from this problem through the seed of Pardon. This exercise contains places to journal and has Scripture references. To download, [click here](#).



### Youth Exercises for Encouragement:

A series of short exercises to be used with a small group of students. These interactive scenarios can be used to challenge young people to apply the Biblical principles for the 12 Seeds. There are three exercises for the seed of Encouragement with a page of introduction for the mentor/teacher to read first. The situations are age appropriate and bring to mind actual experiences arising in a young person's life. To download, [click here](#).



This 128-page book promotes healthy, successful relationships in all areas of life.

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*Purpose of this newsletter:*

**To remind about 12 powerful Biblical principles for character development and relationship growth.**

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**We are very thankful** for all that God has been doing with the 12 Seeds in 2018. We are grateful for the many people who have provided prayers, encouragement and financial help. [Click on some Highlights so far in 2018.](#)



**Please help replenish the 12 Seeds Ministry Fund!** The fund, established in 2007 at National Christian Foundation, has made over \$393,000 in grants to a variety of non-profit 501c3 ministries around the country which are using 12 Seeds training and materials. Your donation goes directly to the 12 Seeds Ministry Fund and is fully tax-deductible. In 2019 your donation will help:

- Make grants to more addiction and recovery ministries so they can plant & cultivate the 12 Seeds.
- Train more ministry leaders and mentors so that the impact can be multiplied.
- Reprint the 12 Seeds book (will be the 5th printing.)
- Reprint the 12 Seeds Personal Journal-Workbook (will be 3rd printing.)
- Publish the new 12 Seeds book on sharing God's (agape) love.

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