

12 Seeds Leader Letter - LISTENING - March 2021

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Leader Letter

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FOR CHARACTER ~ FOR RELATIONSHIPS ~ FOR LIFE



Seed of the Month:

Listening

Seeking to Hear; Heeding

"Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry."

- James 1:19b

Other Words for Listening

- Attending
- Considering
- Harkening
- Heeding

For Personal Reflection . . .

- Who should we listen to? Why?

"The first duty of love is to listen."

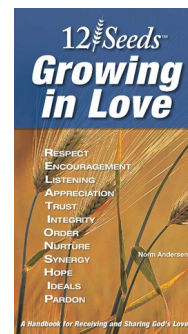
- Paul Tillich

How can we share the gift of Listening? "We can pray that the Lord would help us to better listen to others - to be better at paying attention to others. Listening can be hard work, and we need His help to do it. When we listen, we don't have to agree with everything a person says, but in listening, we are giving them the gift of attention... *If we listen carefully, we'll learn about their needs.* Then, we'll be better able to love them by helping to fill those needs."

- From the new book,
12 Seeds Growing in Love



The New 12 Seeds Book:



- Who have you listened to recently?
- What did you learn?
- Why is listening a way to love?
- What could you do to better listen to others?

Purpose of this newsletter:

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

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The new *12 Seeds book* is entitled, "*12 Seeds Growing in Love*," with a subtitle of, "A Handbook for Receiving and Sharing God's Love," is a compact 4"x7" in size, 96 pages plus full-color cover. There are 3 main sections:

- Part I: Toward a Better understanding of God's Love
- Part II: 12 ways to Receive and Share God's love
- Part III: Sharing God's love in Daily Life

For more about the book and to order it, please [click here](#).



Visits in the South: Norm took a trip south recently. He had several visits and gave out the new book. One of these visits was with a jail chaplain in Gulfport, MS, who has used the 12 Seeds in his work for a few years. He had not seen the new book yet. Another visit was with a pastor in Mobile, AL, who uses our materials in his ministry. Norm left two cases of the new book with each of these ministries.



Are you involved with a recovery ministry? Since our 12 Seeds Ministry Fund has been replenished, we have funds available for ministries who work with people in recovery from crime and addiction. Generally, grants are made for 5 or more cases of the new book (48 books per case). If your ministry or your church works with people in recovery and you'd like a grant for books, please send an email to norm@12seeds.com.



Praise God! The *12 Seeds* Ministry Fund has been replenished! We are grateful to the people who responded to our once-a-year appeal to replenish the Fund, managed by National Christian Foundation. This means we are able to