

### Seed of the Month:

## Listening

Seeking to Hear, Heeding



*"A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while he knows something."*

– Misner

### When Listening Grows

- ◆ People receive the attention they need.
- ◆ People feel respected and encouraged.
- ◆ Understanding increases.
- ◆ Teamwork improves.
- ◆ Healing can take place.

### Prayers

- ◆ "Dear Lord, help me to always listen to You."
- ◆ "Thank You for listening to me."
- ◆ "Help me to be a better listener to the people around me."

**MN Adult & Teen Challenge:** We met recently with two vice presidents from Teen Challenge. They would like to use the *12 Seeds* materials in their ministry, especially in their outreach programs to high school kids. They are also considering using the *12 Seeds* in their regular curriculum. To find out more about MN Adult & Teen Challenge, [click here](#).



**Listen to Learn:** One of the prime benefits of being a good listener is that we *learn* when we *listen*. We learn about the needs of others, and we learn which of the *12 Seeds* most need to grow in a particular relationship. To find out more about how to plant and cultivate the vital seed of Listening, visit our [Leader Library](#) or download our [new poster](#).

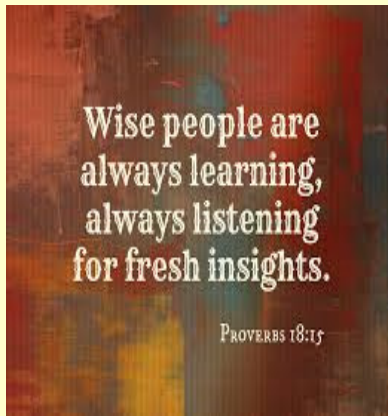


### 7 Things Every Recovery Ministry Should Know

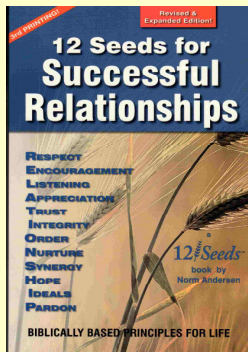
**About Relationships:** Recovery ministry leaders are in a prime position to positively influence many relationships for the benefit of their ministries and each person involved. This six-page write-up gives some reasons why wise leaders focus on relationship development at all levels. To download, [click here](#).



**R3 Collaborative & CrossingHome:** The R3 Collaborative met on February 15 at Transform MN. Crossing Home and R3 are working together to develop a "clearinghouse app" that will help those in need to find the right resources. "Our ministry is all about relationships," said Jim Moore, Executive Director of R3. Their objective is to meet people where they're at, and plug them into the kind of care they need. This can range from transitional housing, addiction recovery programs, help finding employment, assistance for the homeless, or Biblical and relationship training. Their vision is to help as many people as possible succeed in transitioning from prison or addiction recovery to a productive life in society. Click on the following links for more information about the [R3 Collaborative](#) and [CrossingHome](#).



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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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**12 Seeds LifeSkills for Growth:** These journal pages enhance the study of the *12 Seeds* book. The 2-page 8.5" x 11" sheets include questions to help better understand and apply the seed of Listening. There are also spaces to write about experiences and progress made. These pages can help to clarify thoughts, track progress and set goals for the future. To download the journal pages for Listening, [click here](#).



**Help Multiply the 12 Seeds!** By focusing on equipping and encouraging leaders, we multiply the impact of the *12 Seeds*! Your gift to the [12 Seeds Ministry Fund](#) will enable us to equip and encourage more leaders who are working with people in recovery from addiction and crime. An update of our [Highlights in 2017](#) is now available on our website. Also, to view the ministries that have received grants from the *12 Seeds* Ministry Fund, [click here](#). Your tax-deductible donation goes directly to the *12 Seeds* Ministry Fund, administered by the National Christian Foundation.

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