

## Test Message - 12 Seeds Leader Letter - March 2019 - Listening

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## Leader Letter

March 2019

FOR CHARACTER • FOR RELATIONSHIPS • FOR LIFE

### Seed of the Month:

## Listening

Seeking to Hear, Heeding



*Stop listening to instruction,  
my child, and you will stray from the words  
of knowledge..*

– Proverbs 19:27

### Other Words for Listening

- Attending
- Harkening
- Considering
- Heeding

### When Listening Grows

- People receive the attention they need.

### Next R3 Collaborative meeting on

**March 21:** The next R3 meeting will be held at FreedomWorks in North Minneapolis. To find out more, [click here](#).



**12 Seeds Love Book:** For a number of years we have realized that the 12 Seeds are really 12 ways to love others. By *love* we mean God's type of love, called *agape*. A simple definition of this type of love is "seeking the best for the one who is loved" or "seeking the highest welfare for others." Each of the 12 Seeds contributes to the "best" for others. Each seed when practiced adds to the "welfare" of others. Welfare includes filling of needs. For example, when we respect others, we help fill their need for significance. We are developing a compact book that will make this clear and applicable in daily life, especially among people recovering from crime and addiction. If you would like to review an early draft of the book or if you have an idea for a book title, please contact Norm at: [norm@12seeds.com](mailto:norm@12seeds.com). The planned release of the book is for late summer.

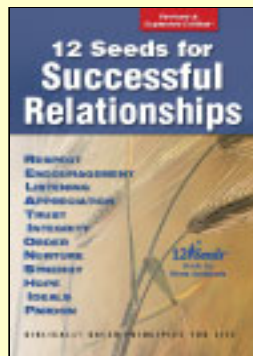


- People feel respected and encouraged.
- Interpersonal understanding increases.
- Miscues and mistakes decrease.
- Healing can take place.
- Teamwork improves.

*A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after awhile he knows something.*  
 – Misner



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



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

**To order this book in English or Spanish and the Journal-Workbook, [click here](#)**

*Purpose of this newsletter:*

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

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## **12 Seeds Youth Exercises for**

**Listening:** This series of short exercises can be used with a small group of students or in the family setting. These interactive scenarios can be used to challenge young people to apply the Biblical principles of the *12 Seeds*. The exercises for Listening have an 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 these youth exercises for listening, [click here](#).



**John Stoll passes on:** Our dear friend, Dr. John Stoll, passed away several weeks ago in Indiana. He was a Bible teacher and counselor. Some of us called him a "walking concordance." He would have been 94 years old on February 22. He was a mentor to many of us over the years and helped us develop the *12 Seeds* - especially the Scriptural basis for each of the seeds. We are thankful to the Lord for his life and witness.



**Upcoming Prison visits:** We will again be visiting a number of Minnesota State prisons beginning in April and May, and also Rochester and Waseca Federal prisons. We visit with inmates and staff members and give out *12 Seeds* materials. Please pray for inmates who are serious about a life change. Also, pray for prison staff who face many daily challenges and dangers.



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