



Leader-Mentor Guide

For use in 12 Seeds “Gifts of Love”
Classes, Discussions and Mentoring

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12 GIFTS FROM GOD SOWN IN THE HEART SHARED IN LOVE

Preparing to Lead

- Download the “Gifts of Love” Series from the Free Tools section at www.12seeds.com
- **Read through the 12 Seeds GIFTS OF LOVE** pages you’ll be studying, highlighting sections that are especially meaningful to you. *Note:* you can use one or more pages for each class or discussion session. Each page is designed so it can be used alone if you wish.
- **Study the pages that you will be discussing.** Highlight sections of the text that you’d like to emphasize during your session.

A suggested agenda for your first session

You may want to do some or all of the following:

- 1. Make a statement of personal objectives.**
A suggested statement:
“Our purpose is to study the 12 Seeds as 12 gifts we can give others to build better relationships. Most people agree that relationships are important, yet few people ever actually study principles for good relationships. We’ll be studying them together and discovering how to apply them in our lives.”
- 2. Ask questions to prime the discussion.**
Suggested questions:
“Why are relationships so important?”
“What are some of the qualities that contribute to good relationships?”
- 3. (optional) Recite the 12 Seeds acrostic from memory.**
When you recite the 12 Seeds **RELATIONSHIP** acrostic in front of your group, it impresses upon group members that the principles are important and worth memorizing.
- 4. Distribute 12 Seeds GIFTS OF LOVE pages.**
- 5. Go to #3 on the back of this sheet.**

Annotated Scripture References:

Page 1:

Psalm 117

... For great is His love towards us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

1 Corinthians 13

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Philippians 4:19

... God will meet all your needs

1 Thessalonians 3:12

May the Lord make your love increase ...

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Acts 20:35b

Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Romans 8:28-29

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

James 1:17a

Every good and perfect gift is from above ...

1 Peter 4:8-10

... love covers over a multitude of sins.

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John 3:16

For God so loved the world ...

1 Corinthians 4:7

What do you have that you did not receive?

Galatians 5:14

Jesus said, “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

A suggested agenda for ongoing sessions

Tip: ask volunteers to do some of these.

- Review** the 12 Seeds RELATIONSHIP acrostic (to your right), perhaps recite it together. This helps plant the principles in people's minds. Also, review the previous session. Ask for any insights or experiences in applying what was studied in the last session.
 - Announce the text to be studied in this session.**
 - Ask a volunteer to read a portion of the text of GIFTS OF LOVE.**
 - Discuss.** Ask questions to stimulate discussion.

Some suggested questions:

“Any comments on that?”

“What does this mean to you?”

“Have you found this to be true in your life?”

“Have you ever had an experience like that? Tell us about it.”
- NOTE:** Expect a lot of discussion in a 12 Seeds session. Encourage people to jot down notes from insights shared by other group members.
- Continue through the material**, rotating reading among volunteer readers, and then discussing.
 - Assign the next pages** to be discussed in the next session.



NOTE: You may wish to rotate leadership of the discussion sessions among members of your group. If so, make a copy of this Leader-Mentor Guide for each volunteer leader.

Annotated Scripture References:

Page 4:

Romans 13:10

Love does no harm to its neighbor.

Philippians 1:9-18

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more . . .

1 John 4:7-21

. . . let us love one another, for love comes from God.

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Galatians 6:6-10

A man reaps what he sows . . .

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

. . . whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly . . .

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RESPECT: Philippians 2:3

. . . in humility consider others better than yourselves.

ENCOURAGEMENT: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

. . . the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us . . .

LISTENING: Proverbs 18:13

He who answers before listening . . .

APPRECIATION: Psalm 150:1-2

Praise the Lord.

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TRUST: Psalm 40:4

Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust . . .

INTEGRITY: Proverbs 10:9

The man of integrity walks securely . . .

ORDER: Psalm 119:133

Direct my footsteps according to your Word . . .

NURTURE: 1 Peter 5:7

Cast all your anxiety on Him . . .

Page 8:

SYNERGY: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Two are better than one . . .

HOPE: Isaiah 40:31

. . . but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

IDEALS: Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace . . .

PARDON: Isaiah 55:7

Let him turn to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him . . .