



SEEDS
OF
POWER

SEEDS OF MINISTRY

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¹Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), ²and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. ³Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. ⁴The Jewish Passover Festival was near.
John 6:1-14 (NIV)

⁵When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, “It would take more than half a year’s wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!”

John 6:1-14 (NIV)

⁸Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, ⁹"Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there).

John 6:1-14 (NIV)

¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

¹²When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.” ¹³So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

John 6:1-14 (NIV)

¹⁴After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, “Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.”

John 6:1-14 (NIV)

God Fulfills His Kingdom Purposes by Using the
Seeds He Gives to His Children

Jesus Tests Us to See What We Will Do With Our Seed

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John 6:5-6 (NIV)

Jesus Expects Us to Sow Into His Kingdom

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Jesus Expects Us to Sow Into His Kingdom

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

2 Corinthians 9:10 (NIV)

Jesus Expects Us to Sow Into His Kingdom

4 Types of Sowing:

1. Praying
2. Giving
3. Serving
4. Caring

Jesus Expects Us to Sow Into His Kingdom

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet...

Jesus Expects Us to Sow Into His Kingdom

I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

John 13:12-17 (NIV)

Ministry Seed is Sown Directly Into the Hands of Jesus

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John 6:11 (NIV)

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“My call to the ministry was not a miraculous or supernatural something. On the contrary it was an inner urge calling me to serve humanity.”

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.