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Welcome to six new members, from Whakatane, Auckland, Ngaruawahia and Palmerston North. Two are sponsored by church friends anonymously. The others learned of the blessing of Liberty Trust through church friends, Parachute 04, the Christian Contact Magazine, and from a friend who passed on our article from the Challenge Weekly. Grace & peace to you!



Ed: Earlier this year we received a packet of sunflower seeds from Daniel's kindy. So together we dug over the ground, made some small holes then Daniel and Felicity took turns to drop a seed into each hole.



Daniel and his great friend & cousin Felicity

The wonderful thing about sunflowers is how fast they grow. It didn't take long to see little bright green leaves sprouting. Then we could compare and talk about which plant was growing the fastest. Soon they were so big they needed staking so they didn't fall over. Soon they were bigger than Daniel. Soon they were bigger than me! Then finally the buds appeared, and out grew the massive, happy sunflowers!

After some time the plants wilted and the flowers died and it was time to harvest

the seeds. Once again I summoned the help of Daniel and Felicity and together they shook out and collected the seeds in sand-buckets. I won't easily forget the wonder on Daniel's face as he realised that all the hundreds of seeds in each plant came from just one seed!

The natural laws of the harvest teem with applications for our attitudes, words, witness, giving, and investments, eg:

The ground must be **prepared** (Mtt 13:1-23)

We must sow the **right seed** (Gal 6:7-8)

We must sow **generously** (2 Cor 9:6)

We must **wait** patiently (Jas 1:7)

God will provide (Mtt 6:28-30).

We will reap **a multiple** of what we sow (Mtt 13:23)

Worth is judged by **fruit** (Mtt 7:16).

Dead wood must **be pruned** (Jn 15:2)

We must watch and **be ready** to harvest

(Lk 21:29, Jn 4:35, Gal 6:9), and

A seed **must die** to itself & be buried before it can multiply (Jn 12:22-32).

We collected more sunflower seeds than we have room for in our garden! So we've given most of it away and the next step in our saga is to plant the remaining seed.

The final law of the harvest demands that we **keep sowing** for the next season, else there will be no future harvest.

Like seed, hoarded blessings turn sour if they aren't used.

The Dead Sea is dead because it has no outflow. God wants us to continually sow for the seasons ahead — then we shall reap a bountiful harvest!

Jesus said *"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possession". And he told them this parable: The ground of a certain rich man produced such a good crop that he couldn't contain it ...*

The man decided to build bigger barns for his extra possessions and spend his days in extravagance. God called him a fool. His plan of selfish hoarding & revelry showed no concern for giving and sowing for eternity. He lost his life that night and lost the opportunity to share his blessing with others.

"This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God"

Luke 12:15...21

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written:

He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.

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 Cor 9:6 -11

"I shall walk in Liberty; because I follow Your Principles" Psalms 119 v 45

Prompted to bless others



I know personally that when I read about your ministry, I felt the Holy Spirit prompt me to do something about it. Although it took me a while (just my 'flesh' complaining about the financial commitment!) God finally said that He wanted me to start sowing into Liberty so I could bless others first before I got my own blessing (God commands us to put others' needs first out of love).

I also felt prompted to 'act' like I trusted Him to provide for me versus just 'saying' I trusted Him, while I wait for my own home.

I think the thing that I was most impressed with about Liberty was your Biblical basis, ie sowing and reaping works in the natural (financial) as well as the spiritual - that principle really clicked in my spirit. I pray that more people will understand this through the Holy Spirit's prompting when they hear about Liberty.

Thanks again for the blessing your work is to all of us in working for the Storehouse.

God bless you all, Ali :)

We recently surveyed those who joined our ministry over the last year and found that the chief reason people were attracted to Liberty Trust was because they loved the concept of Christians helping each other financially. Secondly people appreciated the Christian alternative to the world's financial institutions. Other reasons included the long term saving, building into God's Kingdom, and our Biblical foundation (see Deut 23:20, 28:43-44).

We would be interested to hear your thoughts.

Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married?

A. Ruthless.

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah. He was floating a limited company while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A. Samson. He brought the house down.

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<http://www.wwj.org.nz/chspeak.php>

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Most people briefly view our home page www.libertytrust.org.nz and spend time in our Bible Study on Finance. Many spend time reading further Bible teaching and the 90 featured testimonies.

These newsletters are hardly sighted! Don't tell our editor!

*Whatever you do,
work at it with all
your heart,
as working
for the Lord and
not for men.
Colossians 3:23*

*The Dictionary is
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