

Introduction: What is a manifesto?

Definition: A published, verbal declaration of the intentions, motives, or views of the issuer, be it an individual or group. It usually accepts a previously published opinion or *promotes a new idea with prescriptive notions for carrying out changes the author believes should be made.*

My Generosity Manifesto

- I want to be known in Heaven and on Earth as an extraordinarily kind and generous person.

You can become an extraordinarily kind & generous person

A picture to emulate - “Henry”

A process to follow - “Seeds”

The Creation – *Genesis*: “Life & Likeness”

The Cultivation – *Genesis 2*: “The Perfect Garden”

The Choice – *Genesis 3*: “Paradise Lost”

The Conflict – *Genesis 4 – Revelation 20*: “Seeds at War”

The Conqueror – *1 Corinthians 15:20-26; 54-58*: “Christ the First Fruits”

The Consummation – *Revelation 21-22*: “Back to Eden”

A practice to start - “Sowing”

- We reap _____ we sow...

⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

Galatians 6:7-8

- We reap _____ we sow...

⁶ Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

- Kingdom sowing is _____ – _____.

*⁹ Honor the LORD from your wealth
And from the first of all your produce;*

*¹⁰ So your barns will be filled with plenty
And your vats will overflow with new wine.*

Proverbs 3:9-10

*²⁴ There is one who scatters, and yet increases all the more,
And there is one who withholds what is justly due, and yet it results only in want.*

*²⁵ The generous man will be prosperous,
And he who waters will himself be watered.*

Proverbs 11:24-25

Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.”

Luke 6:38

- We never _____ in the same season we sow.

⁹ Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. ¹⁰ So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

Galatians 6:9-10

Discussion Questions:

1. What kind of seeds are you sowing spiritually? Relationally? Financially?
2. What do our money and time allocations tell us about our genuine level of kindness and generosity?
3. Why did Jesus emphasize “seeds” and “money” so much in His teaching?
4. What could keep you from signing the 90 Day Generosity Manifesto?