

Pastor Charles Hindman (1942-2014), was a fearless sower in every sense of the word. He had truly learned the joy of living generously by sowing generously and fearlessly. He spent many of the later years of his life browsing through seed magazines looking for new or unusual seeds he could plant. He also spent much time in his Bible so that he could be better equipped to plant seeds for eternity.

Pastor Charles applied this principle of generous and fearless sowing to his ministry also. Pastor Charles lived the scripture at John 12:24: Verily, verily I say unto you, unless a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He knew that if he sowed generously, God would provide a generous and bountiful harvest. His most valuable seeds were not sown in the ground but in the hearts of the people who came in contact with him. He planted seeds in the communities where he lived and pastored. He planted seeds in the local jails and prisons. He also planted seeds by giving generously of his financial resources to those in need and to the church.

Anyone who lives generously knows the thing to **fear** isn't giving away too much but sowing too little. God gives us financial seed for one reason: sowing for His kingdom. If we don't open our palms and let the seeds fly, we will never know what fruit we could have produced for the kingdom of God. The one thing we should **fear** is keeping the seeds in our hands and holding back on God.

God calls faithful men and women to act as conduits for distributing His wealth, His assets and His ministry around the world. He calls us to plant seeds. As we give generously, He promises to bless us with even more.

Pastor Charles knew that if he held on to the seeds, there would be no coming harvest. No matter how valuable his seeds, they were nothing in his hands. He stepped out, **fearlessly**, in faith and planted seeds for eternity. He also knew that God depended on him to plant those seeds. He entered into a seed planting partnership with God.

Are you prepared to leave fear behind and invite God to become your financial seed partner? Are you willing to give to God first and then watch Him supply all your needs? Are you willing to commit All of You in Response to All of Him?

--Rick Hutchinson, Director of Generous Living, Carolina Conference



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"For I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11