

Powerful Seeds

Series: Cultivating Relationships – Part 3

5.6.18 – New Life Church

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I. The Seed: Faithfulness.

Luke 16:10 (NLT) *If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities.*

A. The Weed: Dishonesty.

B. The Weed-n-Feed: Trustworthiness.

1 Corinthians 4:2 (NCV) *Now in this way those who are trusted with something valuable must show they are worthy of that trust.*

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2. Trust is not Love.
3. Trust is not Forgiveness.

II. The Seed: Reinforcement.

A. The Weed: Bad Company.

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B. The Weed-n-Feed: Good Company.

Proverbs 27:17 (NCV) *As iron sharpens iron, so {friends} can improve each other.*

III. The Seed: Confrontation. (Mt 16:17-23)

A. The Weed: Avoidance.

1. Ignore it.
2. Attack the person.
3. Attack the relationship.

B. The Weed-n-Feed: Resolution.

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