

## X-Factor

Sunday Morning, March 30, 2014

**Thesis:** Reach the Lost By Building Your Resources Into the Kingdom of God

### Introduction:

**Question:**  $10 + 10 = \underline{\quad}$

**Answer:**  $10 + 10 = 20$

**Question:**  $10x + 10 = 60$       $x = \underline{\quad}$

**Answer:**  $10x + 10 = 60$       $x = 5$

**Question:**  $10^n + 10 = 100,010$       $n = \underline{\quad}$

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The X-Factor is that missing piece to the equation. That something you add or multiply or raise to the next power to make the equation complete. Our time, gifts, talents and/or money are the X-Factor to sowing seed for the Lord or building God's Kingdom.

### I. The Crazy Way Jesus Sowed Seed

(Matthew 13: 18 – 23)

18 "Therefore hear the parable of the sower:

19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside.

20 But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;

21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.

22 Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

23 But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty." have everlasting life.

Seed Sown Everywhere!

### II. The Remarkable Benefit of "Sowing" Seed Joyfully (II Corinthians 9: 6 – 15)

6 But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

9 As it is written:

"He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever."

10 Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness,

11 while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

12 For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God,

13 while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men,

14 and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you.

15 Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

We Are Each Called To Sow

Sow the Seed Then Enjoy the Harvest That Will Glorify God

Is Your Desire To Be Involved With What God is Doing?

Giving Transforms Into Righteousness!

### **III. Therefore, Let Us Build Together** **(I Corinthians 3: 5 – 15)**

5 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one?

6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.

7 So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.

8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.

10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.

11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.

14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.

15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

Serve God With A Right Motive

Be Rewarded With the Honor of a Gift From God

God Gives the Increase

#### **Conclusion:**

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