## Seeds of Kindness Christmas Classics: It's a Wonderful Life – Part 4 of 4 Pastor Randy Lanthripe December 16, 2018

# Proverbs 16:9 The mind of man plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps. NASB

## God gives life to people who give theirs away (Matthew 16:24-25)

Matthew 16:24-25 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

### Christ followers keep looking for opportunities to do good (Galatians 6:7-10)

Galatians 6:7-10 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. <sup>8</sup>The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup>Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. NIV84

Galatians 6:7-8a Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>8</sup> For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption ESV

• Focus on God's will and reap real life (Galatians 6:8b)

Galatians 6:8b but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

Jeremiah 29:7 Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." NIV84

• Refuse to grow weary in doing good (Galatians 6:9-10)

Galatians 6:9-10 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

### My Next Step Today is to...

**D** Take the opportunity to \_

Ask God for strength in the battle with discouragement

Invite \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to next week's Christmas Service