

Australian Union Digital Media



“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”
John 13:35 (NIV)

Not all preachers have to stand behind a pulpit. Back in 1844, Leonard Hastings, a potato farmer, preached powerful sermons about his belief in Jesus and His soon return. Word got around that Leonard wasn't digging up his potatoes because he believed that Jesus was coming. Everyone knew that if the potatoes weren't harvested, they would rot in the ground.

When Jesus didn't return on October 22, the neighbours had a good laugh at Leonard Hastings, wondering what his family would be eating.

Hastings' potatoes were left in the ground until November. When he finally did harvest them, he found they were some of the best that he'd ever grown. A potato disease came to the area that year, affecting nearly all the potatoes that had been dug at harvest time. Leonard was blessed to have a large supply of potatoes for his family, and he was able to share his potatoes with

his neighbours—as well as his love for Jesus. (Kids View, April 2014)

What we do or don't do is, in fact, a silent sermon to everyone around us, telling others what we believe. What silent sermons are we preaching by our giving or our withholding? Our offering today is for the Union and Youth Digital Media.

Appeal

Generosity is a great blessing, and our giving acts as a witness to those around us about how God's love has impacted our lives.

Prayer

Dear God, please bless these offerings. May our giving be a powerful sermon to those who need to hear it. Amen.

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