

Life is in the seed, not the sower.



WINNING PEOPLE TO JESUS IS LIKE FARMING: We plant little seeds of truth in the earth of people's hearts, and the great warm sunshine of His love and the water of His Word will cause some of those seeds to burst forth in the miracle of new life.

Of course, we hope to win many others to faith in Christ, but that's really God's job and the work of the Holy Spirit. We can only give people the truth and show them the Lord's love; we can't force results or make the decision for them. Whether or not they choose to believe and receive and follow that truth is between each individual and God.

One person sows the seed, another may water it, but it is God that gives the increase (1 Corinthians 3:6). We can only try to prepare the ground, soften it with our prayers, and sow the seed. It's up to the individual to receive it, and only God can make it take root and grow and produce fruit.

Our job is simply to go forth bearing precious seed and to plant it in fertile, fruitful, receptive hearts. We may not always see the harvest ourselves, but as long as we have faithfully done our part, we can leave the rest up to God.