

Watering - Stay a Friend

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“As the Lord has assigned each to his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So, neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who makes things grow. The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor.” 1 Cor. 3:5-8

Cultivate – Be a Friend

Plant – Tell a Friend

Water – Stay with a Friend

Harvest – Save a Friend

“For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building. By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If any man builds on the foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the first will test the quality of each man’s work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.” 1 Cor. 3:9-17

3 Ways You Can Water/Build In A Person’s Life

1. Pray for people.

“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” Luke 22:31

“Jesus Christ, who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.” Rom. 8:34

“My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense, Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.” 1 John 2:1-2

2. Be Patient with people.

“Love is patient...” 1 Cor. 13:4

“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.” Eph. 4:2

“The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” 2 Peter 3:9

3. Persevere in spite of people

“Love always perseveres...” 1 Cor. 13:7

“Make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness knowledge; and to knowledge self-control; and to self-control perseverance....” 2 Peter 1:5-6

“A person’s wisdom yields patience; it is to one’s glory to overlook an offense.” Prov. 19:11

“Jesus said, “Come, follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.” Mark 1:17