



#3 Farming With The Father

DOWN ON THE FARM...

1 Corinthians 3:5 *What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶ I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. ⁷ So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸ The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. ⁹ For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field ...*

1. It’s not really about all the individuals who work in God’s field; it’s about the Father Who works through each one to grow the harvest.

2. God has many different workers in His Farming business, and they each have their individually-assigned tasks.

<i>Cultivators</i>	Preparing the soil of their heart to receive the seed
<i>Planters</i>	Speaking the Gospel Word at God’s appointed time
<i>Waterers</i>	Irrigating the planted seed with their prayers and tears
<i>Sunlight</i>	Reflecting The Son’s rays by living a bright life around them
<i>Weed Pullers</i>	Identifying and carefully removing other forces that are threatening to choke the growth
<i>Harvesters</i>	Those who have the joy of reaping the crop, picking the fruit, and presenting it to The Father for His joy.

3. While their assigned tasks vary, the farm workers all share the same overall purpose and ALL will be rewarded for their particular work, not someone else’s

4. ONLY GOD MAKES THINGS GROW!

RISK IT! CHALLENGE — Identify the various Field Workers that God used to point YOU to Jesus during the different seasons of your own life. Thank the Lord for each of them. Now, consider how you could WATER A SEED in somebody else's life this week, through a Prayer, an Act of Love, a Caring Contact, a Follow-Up Conversation, or Connecting them with a winsome brother or sister in Christ.

RISK IT! SURVEY QUESTION — As best you can tell, what do you believe your "assigned task" is in the Family Farming Business? Do you seem to be more of a...

- A. Cultivator?
- B. Planter?
- C. Waterer?
- D. Sunlighter?
- E. Weed Puller?
- F. Insecticide Sprayer?
- G. Harvester?
- H. Harvest Party Thrower?
- I. Other? _____

Pull out your phone and text "**SHARE**" to **(614) 472-8363**. Your response can be any of the options A through I. (Please choose the one that seems to fit you best).