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**Series: The Right Way to G.R.O.W. a Church**  
**Let Go and Let God Do It**  
**God Rewards Our Work**

**1 Corinthians 3:5-14 (NIV)**

*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. <sup>6</sup>I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. <sup>7</sup>So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. <sup>8</sup>The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.*

*<sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup>If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, <sup>13</sup>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 fire will test the quality of each man's work. <sup>14</sup>If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward.*

**1. IT'S NOT ABOUT ME.**

*v. 7 "So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow."*

- We often over estimate the importance of our partnership with God.
- We often under estimate the significance of God's activity in reaching people.
- It is God who brings the results.

**2. IT'S NOT ABOUT WHAT I DO.**

*v. "So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything..."*

- I may partner with God, but He is producing the harvest.
- I must not confuse what I do for God with who I am in Christ.
- God is more interested in my "being" than my "doing."

**3. IT'S ALL ABOUT GOD.**

*v. 6 "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow."*

*v. 7b "...but only God, who makes things grow."*

*v. 9 "For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building."*

- God is growing His Kingdom one believer at a time.

Luke 17:20-21 (NIV)

*Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, <sup>21</sup>nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you."*

- God has designed the church to grow all by itself.

Mark 4:26-29 (NIV)

*He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup>Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>All by itself the soil produces grain--first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. <sup>29</sup>As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."*

- God is on a mission of world redemption and he wants us to join Him.

Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

**God Rewards Our Work when we let go and let God do it!**