



It Grows While You Sleep

Mark 4:26-29 NIV: "He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

— The Kingdom of God grows through faithful participation, not human control.

— Planting is our job. Growing is God's

— "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow." (1 Corinthians 3:6)

— You don't get credit for the part you didn't do, and you were never supposed to carry it in the first place.

— "I'm learning to let go of the outcome."

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αὐτομάτῃ (automatē); "acting of one's own will"

Isaiah 55:10-11: "As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

— Trust is what your hands keep doing while your heart is still working things out.

— Rest is a quiet vote of confidence that God is still working while you're not.

— What seed has God already placed in your hands?