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Evangelism, for the most part, is a non-confrontational ministry. We are called to harvest the ripened fruit, with a careful touch and loving tug, allowing the timing of God to cause souls to fall off the vine into our hands. When we find souls not ready for the harvest, we are called to cultivate the soil, water the seed, and fertilize the plant, taking care not to bruise the un-ripened fruit. The analogy God has given for soul harvest makes us responsible to be good stewards in the fields of God's service. No one has been given authority to disregard a field, uproot the seed, or damage the crop. When we encounter a person whose heart is unprepared to receive Christ, we should take care to leave that person with a good experience of having been witnessed to by a loving servant, who is but a vinedresser for the Master. Our message is not primarily to those who do not want to believe, but to those who do want to believe and are unsure of what to believe.

*Prayer for Today*

Father, I pray for myself and other laborers in Your field. Give us the wisdom, the grace, the patience, and the skill it takes to hand pick each soul with the love and care of our Heavenly Father. Help us all to be kind and considerate, remembering that we were once sinners and now are saved.

*Scriptures for Today*

John 4:35-37 Do you not say, "There are still four months and then comes the harvest"? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this the saying is true: "One sows and another reaps." (NKJV)

Luke 10:2-3 Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves." (NKJV)