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One theme that Jesus often used to explain the Christian experience was agriculture. He spoke in concepts of sowing seeds, bearing fruit, and reaping a harvest. There's a mystery wrapped up in planting seeds and seeing them grow. The timing of planting and the balance of sunlight and water have to be right to produce a harvest. We can keep working, have the right tools ready, and know what to look for, but the miracle of the seed bearing fruit is ultimately out of our hands.

Timing is critical, and timing is often determined by things beyond our control. The farmer can't predict or control when the sun will shine or the rain will fall, but he can keep working and be ready when harvest comes. In much the same way, our job is not to understand God's timing, but to be ready when the time comes. Remember, you don't have to understand how God's Kingdom works to be a worker in it.

Prayer for Today

Lord, there are so many things beyond my control, but I trust Your perfect timing in everything that goes on in my life. Help me to work hard and be faithful in my responsibilities because I know You will follow through with a bountiful harvest.

Scriptures for Today

Mark 4:26-29 Jesus also said, "Here is another illustration of what the Kingdom of God is like: A farmer planted seeds in a field, and then he went on with his other activities. As the days went by, the seeds sprouted and grew without the farmer's help, because the earth produces crops on its own. First a leaf blade pushes through, then the heads of wheat are formed, and finally the grain ripens. And as soon as the grain is ready, the farmer comes and harvests it with a sickle." (NLT)

2 Timothy 4:2 ...preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. (NAS)

1 Peter 3:15 ...you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if you are asked about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it. (NLT)