PLANTING & WATERING SPIRITUAL SEEDS

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I. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO PLANT & WATER SPIRITUAL SEEDS?

"⁶ I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. ⁷ It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work." 1 Corinthians 3:6-8

1. PLANTING SEEDS: TO BE	GIN THE		BY
GETTING PEOPLE TO THIN	K ABOUT THEIR	, THEIR	
& THEIR			
i. Asking Spiritual			
ii. Sharing			
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iv. Talking About God			
v. Referring To My	God		
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II. BEFORE I CAN PLANT, I MUST TILL THE SOIL

1. PRAYING FOR PEOPLE'S

"IT This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is God's word. ¹² The seeds that fell on the footpath represent those who hear the message, only to have the devil come and take it away from their hearts and prevent them from believing and being saved. ¹³ The seeds on the rocky soil represent those who hear the message and receive it with joy. But since they don't have deep roots, they believe for a while, then they fall away when they face temptation. ¹⁴ The seeds that fell among the thorns represent those who hear the message, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the cares and riches and pleasures of this life. And so they never grow into maturity. ¹⁵ And the seeds that fell on the good soil represent honest, good-hearted people who hear God's word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest." Luke 8:11-15

"44 For no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me, and at the last day I will raise them up." John 6:44

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or a clanging all knowledge,	cymbal. ² If I had the gift of prop , and if I had such faith that I co	phecy, and if I understould move mountains, b	THEM WITH MY
	gave everything I have to the po ters, I would have gained nothin		my body, I could boast about it; but if I I-3
	lren, let's not merely say that we how that we belong to the truth,		show the truth by our actions. 19 Our when we stand before God."
1 John 3:18-1			
3. BEING TH	IE ne salt of the earth But what 900	od is salt if it has lost it:	s flavor? Can you make it salty again? It
will be thrown hilltop that ca	n out and trampled underfoot as nnot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one lights	worthless. ¹⁴ "You are a a lamp and then puts it	the light of the world—like a city on a t under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed te way, let your good deeds shine out for all
	everyone will praise your heave		
III. HOW TO	PLANT SEEDS		
1. PRAY WIT	Γ H e Spirit at all times and on every		
"18 Pray in the	? Spirit at all times and on every	occasion. Stay alert	" Ephesians 6:18
2. "8 Study this E written in it. C	GOD & HIS Book of Instruction continually. I Only then will you prosper and s	Meditate on it day and	night so you will be sure to obey everything
3	TO PE	OPLE, & LOOK FO	R PLANTING OPPORTUNITIES sick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get
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[&]quot;³⁰ And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength." Mark 12:30</sup>

i. Give Him	/ Talk About What
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	Has
v. Talk About What I'm	
6. KNOW	& SHARE WHEN
"26 If anyone is ashamed of me as in his glory and in the glory of th	_ & SHARE WHEN
KEYS: i. I Can Share Th	ne Good News In
ii	When Possible
iii. Use Other Too	ols like
IV. HOW TO WATER	
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"3 Don't be selfish; don't try to in look out only for your own intere. Christ Jesus had." Philippians 2.	npress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't sts, but take an interest in others, too. ⁵ You must have the same attitude that :3-5
i. Their Thoughts On	
ii. What They Are	
iii. How They Feel	
2	TO PEOPLES LIVES & SITUATIONS
holy, cleansing her by the washin	_TO PEOPLES LIVES & SITUATIONS ust as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her usy with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant or any other blemish, but holy and blameless." Ephesians 5:25-27
	n from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the the farmer and bread for the hungry. ¹¹ It is the same with my word. I send it "Isaiah 55:10-11
KEY: Highlight God's _	& Desire To Be A
3	FOR THEM DAILY
for them. ² Pray this way for king	FOR THEM DAILY for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks is and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives ³ This is good and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants everyone to be saved Timothy 2:1-4
KEY: PRAYER FOR M	Y DISCIPLES NEVER STOPS, ONLY
4. CONTINUE SHARING THI	E GOSPEL, ESPECIALLY, MAKING IT
MORE & MORE	

"5 Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime. ⁷ Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." ⁸ He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food. ⁹ The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?" ¹⁰ Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water." ¹¹ "But sir, you don't have a rope or a bucket," she said, "and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water? ¹² And besides, do you think you're greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?" ¹³ Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. ¹⁴ But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life." ¹⁵ "Please, sir," the woman said, "give me this water! Then I'll never be thirsty again, and I won't have to come here to get water." John 4:5-15