

Mark 4:26-29 **Growing Seed like the Kingdom of Heaven**

26 And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, 27 and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. 28 For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. 29 But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✚ The Kingdom of Heaven is like seed planted in the field.
- ✧ The workers sow the seed by sharing the good news of the Kingdom of Heaven.
- ✧ The seed sprouts and takes root in the heart of the hearer when the one who planted it is not around.
- ✧ The knowledge and understanding of the Gospel message grows to maturity in the heart and life of the individual, and we see the fruit of it, though we did not cause it to grow.
- ✧ Paul taught the same concept when he said:

5 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? 6 **I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase**. 7 So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. 8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. [1 Corinthians 3:5-8]