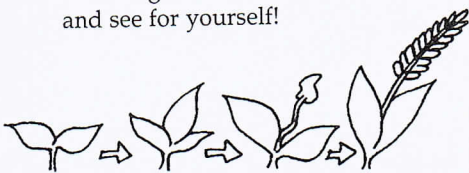


- Excuse me, but shouldn't you be working? I mean . . . you're a farmer, aren't you?
- Uh? . . . Oh . . . working! Should I be working? What do you mean - I AM working!
- But here you are, sunbathing! How can that be work?
- Well, I assure you I'm working very hard! I'm growing oats, wheat and barley at the moment.
- Oh, yeah? Then they can't be growing very well if you're here snoozing, can they?
- Ah, well, that's just where you're wrong! I planted those seeds, right? And now they're growing - whether I'm watching them at it or not! You just come back in a month and see for yourself!



SO . . . HOW DOES THE KINGDOM GROW?

IT IS A GOOD THING TO GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, AND TO SING PRAISES TO YOUR NAME, O MOST HIGH; TO TELL OF YOUR LOVING KINDNESS EARLY IN THE MORNING AND OF YOUR FAITHFULNESS IN THE NIGHT SEASON.
(- FROM PSALM 92 -)

GOD'S KINGDOM GROWS

IS JESUS SAYING WE DON'T NEED TO DO ANYTHING TO HELP THE KINGDOM GROW?

No, but he's reminding us that the actual growing is God's business, and it happens.

SO IS OUR JOB TO GET THE GROUND READY AND KEEP IT FREE OF RUBBLE AND WEEDS?

Yes! We work with God on that, and planting the seed. Then God can bring those seeds to harvest.

I SUPPOSE IT'S A BIT POMPOUS TO THINK IT'S ALL DOWN TO OUR HARD WORK.

Yes - a bit like a driver thinking he makes a car go along.

SIGNS OF KINGDOM GROWTH ?

I think the signs to look for would be . . .

1	2
3	4

Can you see them?

Here	1	2	3	4
In yourself				
In your church community				
In our Society				