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To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

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I CORINTHIANS 3:8-9

The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. For we are God's co-workers

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