



## CULTIVATE

Most of us in Iowa are familiar with the sight of fields changing from post-winter to underturned black rich soil, to fuzzy green new growth, to heavy with crop, and back to frozen in winter. We are eager to see the changes — particularly in the spring.

Are not our hearts just like these farm fields? A deep space of rich dirt, ready in each season for whatever the Father is sowing and cultivating in our lives. He prepares the soil, adding nutrients, disking and tilling, readying our hearts for the cultivation and the stretching that every new season brings. Seasons come and go and the faithful Farmer is committed to see your heart flourish.

### Cultivate

Cul-ti-vate \ 'kəl-tə-, vāt \

- ::to prepare and use for the raising of crops
- ::to loosen or break up the soil
- ::to foster the growth of
- ::to improve by labor, care or study
- ::further, encourage
- ::to seek the society of
- :: make friends with

### 1 Corinthians 3:8-10 The Passion Translation

<sup>8</sup> Now, the one who plants and the one who waters are *equally important* and on the same team, but each will be rewarded for his own work. <sup>9</sup> We are coworkers with God and you are God's cultivated garden, the house he is building.

### Questions to Ponder:

**Sit with the Lord and ask Him what He is cultivating in your heart in this season of your life.**

Is He growing a familiar crop, wooing you to grow in more maturity?

Has He planted seed that will lead to new revelation?

Is He opening your eyes to see Him in new ways?

Ask the Father how you can partner with Him, cultivating growth in your heart and caring for the seed that He has planted.

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must  
cultivate  
our  
own  
garden.  
-voltaire

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# How To Cultivate—101

1. Choose the Ground & Clear the Land

2. Till the ground (plow)

3. Get rid of parasites

4. Plant seeds for what you want to grow. (sow)

5. Raise your crops.

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A verb from the mid 17th century, meaning:

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