

God the Lord Does Ask

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God the Lord does ask us to do a task,
Whether planting or watering seed.
We are servants all of our God who has called
Us to come to Him and believe.
We all are God's fellow workers;
We're His field where His seed does grow.

God alone does know how to make things grow;
Let none quarrel or be filled with pride.
For the ones who sow and who water know
That their purpose is unified.
We all are God's fellow workers;
Each man's labor will bring reward.

By God's gift of grace, a foundation's placed
And a building ere long does rise.
But we each must take care how we build our share;
It must rest upon Jesus Christ.
For we are the Lord's own building;
Our foundation is Christ the Lord.

If we build with gold that has worth untold
Or with silver or costly stones,
Then our work still will last when the judgment has passed;
Its true character will be shown.
The Day will reveal each building;
Each man's work will be tested by fire.

If our work displays only wood, straw, hay,
We will suffer great loss and shame.
For though we will survive, we will win no prize;
We'll escape only as through flames.
O Lord, may we build with wisdom,
That our work may come forth as gold!