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The good news is that he notices what you do, even when no one else does. As the Apostle Paul said... *"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."* (*Galatians 6:9*)

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