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The Holy Spirit prompted me to buy some diapers for her son and deliver them the next morning. Along with the diapers I put a handwritten note sharing the gospel using the "Romans Road" (Rom. 1:16, 3:23, 6:23, 5:6-8, Eph 2:8-9, Rom. 10:9-13). I was sure that the Lord would give me another empty restaurant and an opportunity to lead her to Him.

When I entered the restaurant I discovered that my waitress from the day before called in absent. I gave the diapers and note to my new waitress who promised to deliver them the next day. I'll probably never know the rest of that story this side of eternity. My need to know the results of my actions really boiled down to pride. I wanted to play a starring role in a significant story. The verse above reminds us that God is responsible for the results and therefore gets the credit, not us. The Lord taught me that I need to be content to not know the **outcome** of my obedience. What I can know with certainty is that my obedience pleases Him.

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