Harvest Times

“Do not be deceived. God cannot be mocked. A person reaps what he/she sows.”

Galatians 6:7

In this season of harvests, I look back on this past year and reflect on what seeds have been sown within me and among others. What have I been nurturing in my life? Certainly, these chaotic times have been a growing season of turbulent storms and unstable conditions. May faith, love and courage be the soil in my heart in which seeds of kindness, good will and compassion can grow and produce an abundant harvest.

However, in these times, I am also mindful that seeds of fear and discontent sprout up without any encouragement. Unfortunately, I and others let those weeds take over conversations and choke off good intentions. My heart needs to remember, “For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.” 2 Timothy 1:7

I do not want to be a passive onlooker to what kills off life! Passivity is the lack of courage, confidence or persistence to reap the harvest that God wants for all of us. The seeds of discontent can also call me to “grab the plow” and put my energy into growing peace. Complacency is sitting in a comfortable chair while others toil. To quote Edmund Burke, “All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent.”

God of Abundant Harvests,
transform my heart to be a
fertile ground for your
seeds of peace, justice and compassion.

Do not let these fearful times,
destroy my will
to be a worker in your vineyard.

May I be fruitful,
multiply all that has been given to me,
extend love to everyone,
change what needs correcting
and yield a bountiful harvest for You,
in Christ’s name. Amen.

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