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Psalmist talk about what He would bring – justice and peace, so I am to help promote harmony among the people of God whom I live.

I should also ask myself whether I have begun to bear good fruit for all the graces that I have received from the Lord. Is it difficult for me to do good? Why, or why not? Am I learning the way of John who was simple and gentle, and conscious of his mandate to prepare the hearts of the people for the coming of the Lord? Is my life a safe and smooth path for the Lord?

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