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Such seeds have a hard time taking root in the hearts of strong believers, but some of the seeds take root in those who are weak. He keeps trying to find people who will listen to him: “Who will give an ear to my complaints? Who can I find that will share my point of view? Who can I get to agree with me and join with me in my dissatisfaction?” There is a much better way to interact with the brethren to the delight of the Almighty.

Why not **sow harmony** among the brethren? Why not sow seeds of thanksgiving and share with others how thankful you are for what God is doing in your heart and life? Why not sow seeds of encouragement? How can I build up a fellow believer? How can I encourage my brother or my sister? How can I comfort someone going through a hard time? We need to edify, not destroy. **How good and how pleasant it is when brethren do dwell together in unity** (Psalm 133:1)!

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