FOOD PLOT

       We have some property in a hay field that joins our yard which is very rough even for tractors to maneuver at the speeds that are used to cut and bale hay.  The folks tending the hay asked if they could smooth up that portion of the field.  I gave them permission and they got started.  They plowed it up, disked it good, smoothed it and sowed it.

        After they sowed it, I anxiously awaited the new grass.  Every day I kept looking for the dirt to have a light shade of green.  Finally from my back deck I could see just a shade of green but it didn’t look right, it wasn’t quite the same color as the rest of the grass in the field and it wasn’t as complete an overlay as most grass that is newly sown.  I walked down to the field and looked at the new grass.  Much to my surprise it wasn’t grass!  It looked like peas!   Now this is like a three acre spot in the field.  To me, that is a large pea patch!

     Later I had an opportunity to ask our neighbor who looks after the field just what he had planted and he told me that it was peas and he had planted Iron Clay peas.  I wanted to see if they were good to eat because he said he planted them just because they were good for the soil.  I looked them up and they were cowpeas mostly used as a food plot to attract deer. Do not get me wrong. I am not accusing our neighbor of using this to shoot deer because these peas do enrich our soil but the same plants are used to draw in and feed deer.

       By googling these peas I found out how much effort, time and money some people put into these deer food plots.  I was reminded of what Jesus told some fishermen when he told them to follow him. He said that he would make them fishers of men.  What a difference it would make in our evangelism and outreach if we would plan and work to reach the lost like we do to attract wild game. In hunting deer one might get a trophy head with a rack that has several points on it but in evangelism we are attempting to win souls to eternal life.  I’d say that is quite a difference.

       One of the sights I visited on line said that if these peas were properly treated they would make the racks larger and stronger on the bucks and create more milk for the does.  God has worked out the science for us as soul-winners also.  We know that the lost need hope and peace here and life eternal from now on.  Our food plot is sown with seeds of the gospel.  The Spirit will draw them. The Gospel will save them and feed them. Let us share our faith in The Lord Jesus Christ!

       I admit that I look now at the pea patch to see if deer are out there.  I hope they come.  I just love to see them.  I doubt if I will ever shoot one. I also look for blooms and small peas.  I will see if they are good to eat.  Who knows, this pea patch may be like the gospel, it may attract some deer that we are looking for and feed me too!

Yours in Christ,

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