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24 Jesus presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field.



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25 But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went away.



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26 But when the wheat sprouted and bore grain, then the tares became evident also.





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 27 The slaves of the landowner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?'



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 28 And he said to them, 'An enemy has done this!' The slaves said to him, 'Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?'



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 29 But he said, 'No; for while you are gathering up the tares, you may uproot the wheat with them.'

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 30 Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn."
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Jesus explains the Parable
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 36 Then He left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field."
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37 And He said, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man,

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38 and the field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one;

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39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels.

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40 So just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age.

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Fighting the Weeds in Our Own Life

- Things grow where we do not walk
- Things grow where we do not work
- Things grow where we do not want

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Gardening is cheaper than therapy and you get tomatoes.

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Fighting the Weeds in Our Relationships

- Friends are the single greatest influence besides family
- Friends may be more influential than family!
- Friends must be defined as one who draws you closer to God
- Who do you count as friend?

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Any fool can count the seeds in an apple. Only God can count all the apples in one seed.

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Fighting the Weeds in Our Relationship with God

- God has no competition
- God has no rivals
- God has no equals
- God must be singular – unique – preeminent

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God's will should not be an itinerary, but an attitude.

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“The sum of all is that we should not marvel nor be terrified if there spring up among us many different false teachings and false faiths. Satan is constantly among the children of God.”
Martin Luther

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43 Then THE RIGHTEOUS WILL SHINE FORTH AS THE SUN in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

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“It looks to me like...”

- Beware of Good Works
- Beware of Good Beliefs
- Beware of Good People
- Beware of Good Feelings

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What do I do today?

- Practice humility!
- Seek commonality
- Wait for God to sort the harvest!
- Oppose heresy – make sure it is!
- Tolerate diversity – make sure it is!
- Pray for unity – not uniformity

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Do not be fooled, but do not fool yourself either!

Make sure of your trust in Christ alone by grace alone through faith alone – TODAY!

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