

Once we cross the line and become a Christ follower there will be a temptation to step into a role that God never intended for us to play and yet we do it all the time and it creates real problems in the family of God.

Pull The Weeds In Our Own Garden

The Parable Of The Weeds Matthew 13:24-43

Two Types Of Judgment

_____ **Judgment**
(Gal 6:1; 2 Cor. 13:5; 1 Thess. 5:21; 1 Jn. 4:1)

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(Mt 13:40-43; Acts 17:31; Roms 2:16; 2 Tim 4:1)

*"God is the only lawgiver and judge. He alone can save and destroy.
Who do you think you are, to judge someone else." James 4:12 (GN)*

"... at the end of the age; the Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil." Matthew 13:40-411 (NIV)

Four Things To Avoid Doing In The Wheat Field

1. Avoid Becoming A _____
1 Corinthians 1:23; 1 Tim 3:1-4

Focus On _____

Acts 17:16-34

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"I may have the gift of inspired preaching; I may have all knowledge and understand all secrets; I may have all the faith needed to move mountains-- but if I have no love, I am nothing." 1 Corinthians 13:2 (GN)

Focus On _____

"While I was with you, I made up my mind to speak only about Jesus Christ, who had been nailed to a cross." 1 Corinthians 2:2 (CEV)

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1 Corinthians 8:9;

Four Things To Know About Legalists

They _____

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“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” 2 Corinthians 3:17 (NIV)

“Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters... Who are you to judge someone else’s servant?” Romans 14:1, 4 (NIV)

“Why, then, do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the log in your own eye? How dare you say to your brother let me take that speck out of your eye when you have a log in your own eye.” Matthew 7:3-5 (GN)

Colossians 2:20-23

4. Avoid Becoming A _____

*“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you... If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?”
Matthew 5:45-47 (NIV)*

“And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples.” John 13:34-35 (GN)

*“Be always humble, gentle, and patient. Show your love by being tolerant with one another.”
Ephesians 4:2 (GN)*

Don’t pull the weeds because

*“So you should not pass judgment on anyone before the right time comes. Final judgment must wait until the Lord comes; he will bring to light the dark secrets and expose the hidden purposes of people’s minds. And then all will receive from God the praise they deserve.”
1 Corinthians 4:5 (GN)*

Personal Study - Growth Homework

GETTING STARTED

When you were growing up who or what were the causes people were crusading and fighting for? Were you ever involved in a demonstration or cause crusading?

TAKING A CLOSER LOOK

On Sunday we talked about two types of judgment. Discerning Judgment and Destroying Judgment. Why is it easy to get these two confused? When is it ok and not ok to judge? Who are we to judge and not judge?

Take a look at these passages and discuss what they say about judgment.

Romans 14:4,10,13

1 Corinthians 4:5

2 Timothy 4:1,8

Acts 17:31

Hebrews 10:30

Romans 2:16

James 4:12

1 Thessalonians 5:21

2 Corinthians 13:5

1 Peter 4:5

1 John 4:1

GOING DEEPER

Who or what are the perceived enemies of the Kingdom of God today that people want to weed out of wheat field? Why are we so quick to judge and even attack them and others? Do you think we are trying to avoid or disguise something?

Of the four we looked at this weekend ... Heresy Hunters - Cause Crusaders - Lobbying Legalist - Independent Isolationist ... which could you tend to be or fall into doing? Which ones have you personally encountered the most?

This weekend we also talked about "freedom." Why are freedoms important to recognize? Why are they difficult for some to live with?

Paul talked about freedoms. Check out these scriptures and discuss the good bad and ugly problems freedoms bring.

1 Corinthians 6:12

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Romans 14:12-23

1 Corinthians 14:1-4

If we were honest, we have been like the disciples in Luke 9:51-54 - quick to write off someone who thought differently – lived differently, offended us.

How did this parable turn that upside down?

What would it take in your life – what needs to change - especially with your enemies - to be like Jesus in loving others?

BOTTOM LINE ... What's God telling you through this parable?
What needs to change in your life?