

The Parable Of The Weeds In The Field

Storyteller #7
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He told many stories in the form of parables... **Matthew 13:3 (NLT)**

Then Jesus left the crowd and went into the house. His followers came to him and said, "Explain to us the meaning of the story about the weeds in the field."
Matthew 13:36 (NCV)

What does Jesus want his disciples to know?

1. God plants His people where he wants them to be. (v.24, 37, 38)

The kingdom of heaven is like a man who planted good seed in his field.

- The sower is Jesus. (v.37)

The man who planted the good seed in the field is the Son of Man.

- The field is the world. (v.38a)

The field is the world...

- The good seed are Christians. (v.38b)

...the good seed are all of God's children who belong to the kingdom.

God began by making one person, and from him came all the different people who live everywhere in the world. God decided exactly when and where they must live. God wanted them to look for him and perhaps search all around for him and find him, though he is not far from any of us.
Acts 17:26-27 (NCV)

2. Evil is everywhere. (v.25, 38-39)

That night, when everyone was asleep, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat and then left.

The weeds are those people who belong to the Evil One. ³⁹ And the enemy who planted the bad seed is the devil.

3. God is patient with people. (v.26-30)

Later, the wheat sprouted and the heads of grain grew, but the weeds also grew. ²⁷ Then the man's servants came to him and said, 'You planted good seed in your field. Where did the weeds come from?' ²⁸ The man answered, 'An enemy planted weeds.' The servants asked, 'Do you want us to pull up the weeds?'

'No, because when you pull up the weeds, you might also pull up the wheat. ³⁰ Let the weeds and the wheat grow together until the harvest time.

God isn't late with his promise as some measure lateness. He is restraining himself on account of you, holding back the End because he doesn't want anyone lost. He's giving everyone space and time to change.
2 Peter 3:9 (MSG)

But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.
Matthew 5:44-45 (NIV)

4. God is the final judge. (v.30, 40-43)

Let the weeds and the wheat grow together until the harvest time. At harvest time I will tell the workers, "First gather the weeds and tie them together to be burned. Then gather the wheat and bring it to my barn."

Just as the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all who cause sin and all who do evil. ⁴² The angels will throw them into the blazing furnace, where the people will cry and grind their teeth with pain. ⁴³ Then the good people will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

...Let those with ears use them and listen.

Question: Am I more 'wheat like', or 'weed like'?