

LIVING IN THE FIELD
Life Stories – Part 4
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SCRIPTURE: Parable Of The Weeds / Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

JESUS EXPLAINS THE PARABLE

Σ The _____ is the field

Matthew 13:38a (NCV) *“The field is the world...”*

Σ The devil and Jesus are both _____

Matthew 13:37&39 (NCV) *“The man who planted the good seed in the field is the Son of Man...³⁹ And the enemy who planted the bad seed is the devil.”*

Σ The seeds represent _____ of two kinds

Matthew 13:38b (NCV) *“...the good seed are all of God's children who belong to the kingdom. The weeds are those people who belong to the Evil One.”*

Σ The logical solution is _____

Matthew 13:28b-30 (NCV) *“The servants asked, ‘Do you want us to pull up the weeds?’ The man answered, ‘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.’ ”*

Σ The harvest is _____

Matthew 13:39b-43 (NCV) *“The harvest time is the end of the world, and the workers who gather are God's angels.”⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the world.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. You people who can hear me, listen.’ ”*

PRACTICAL POINTS FOR LIVING IN THE FIELD...

Σ Be _____

1 Peter 5:8 (NIV) *“Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”*

Σ Be _____

2 Peter 3:9 (NIV) *“The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”*

Σ Be _____

Matthew 24:42 (NIV) *“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.”*

KINGDOM PRINCIPLE:

A _____ is coming!

It is not our place to _____.

Luke 9:54 (NIV) *“Lord, do You want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?”*

People can still be _____!

John 17:18 (NIV) *“As You sent Me into the world, I have sent them into the world.”*

John 16:33b (NIV) *“In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”*

What Are You Going To Do About What You Know?

_____ to grow up like Christ...
by offering love, grace and forgiveness to others.

John 17:15 (NIV) *“My prayer is not that You take them out of the world but that You protect them from the evil one.”*