

The Wheat and the Weeds.

The Parable of the Weeds

24 Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.**25** But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away.

28 “‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.

“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

29 “‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them.

The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

40 “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 weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil.

Recognise the devil.

The strategies of the devil.

Fear, distraction, accusation, manipulation.

Scripture and the spirit.

What does building the kingdom look like at WCC?

Don't stop!

Have patience.

One day the harvest will come.

the enemy who sows them is the devil.v 39

we don't want to unwittingly give Satan an opening for yet more mischief—we're not oblivious to his sly ways!

2 Corinthians 2v11 the message

But I fear that somehow your pure and undivided devotion to Christ will be corrupted, just as Eve was deceived by the cunning ways of the serpent.

2 Corinthians 11 v 3 NLT

Fear.

Strategy

acknowledge it,

repent,

forgive,

replace lies with the truth.

Distraction

Strategy

Don't get caught up in distractions.

Keep doing the work of the kingdom

Accusation

Strategy

Truth - from scripture, the spirit and others.

Manipulation

Strategy

Listen to God

Trust God

Know it is his work, his field, his kingdom.

Recognise what you are called to do.

Be wheat

Concentrate on growing the kingdom.

Be thankful, share good news stories.

Act out of faith

Don't stop

Have Patience

**Keep focused on what you are growing for
the kingdom.**

Summary

Look out for the strategies of the enemy.

Are we controlled by fear?

Are we being distracted from our work for the kingdom?

Are we being accused or manipulated to believe lies?

Turn to scripture and the spirit.

Break free and keep growing the good things of the kingdom.

Don't stop.

One day the harvest will come.