

BEWARE OF THE WEEDS!!

The life we live defines what we are –

John 3:19-21 - 19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but **men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.** 20 Everyone who DOES EVIL hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. 21 But **whoever LIVES BY THE TRUTH comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.**"

3 John 11 Dear friend, do not imitate what is evil but what is good. Anyone who **does what is good is from God.** Anyone who **does what is evil has not seen God.**

Jesus warned that there will be bad mixed in with the good - Matt 13:37-43 - 37 He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sows them is the devil. 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.** 42 They **will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.** 43 Then **the righteous** will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

- **Cause sin** – stumbling blocks
- **Do evil** - Wicked

It's up to us to allow ourselves to be protected by God - Matt 7:15-20 -15 "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. 16 **By their fruit you will recognize them.** Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus, **by their fruit you will recognize them.**

We have what we need to distinguish between the weeds & tares - Matt 12:33-37 - 33 "Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a **TREE IS RECOGNIZED BY ITS FRUIT.** 34 You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. 35 The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. 36 But I tell you that men **will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken.** 37 For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."

How the weeds live will differ from the Tares - John 3:17-18 - 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18 **Whoever believes in him is not condemned,** but **whoever does not believe stands condemned** already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

The life purpose will be evident - Rom 2:5-11 - 5 But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. 6 God "will give to each person according to what he has done." 7 To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, **he will give eternal life.** 8 But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, **there will be wrath and anger.**

- self-seeking
- reject the truth
- follow evil

The wicked have attributes detested by God - 1 Cor 6:9-10 - 9 Do you not know that **the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived:** Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders 10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

- **Sexually immoral** - pornos (por'-nos); (fornicator, whoremonger). [sex outside of God's approved marriage]
- **Idolaters** - eidololates (i-do-lol-at'-race); an image- servant or worshipper (literally or figuratively): (idolater). [Serving or worshipping any item other than God]
- **Adulterers** - moichos (moy-khos');Lover; figuratively, traitor: (adulterer). [Sex with someone other than your spouse]
- **Male prostitutes** - malakos (mal-ak-os'); a catamite :(effeminate, soft). [Transgender]
- **Homosexual offenders** - arsenokoites (ar-sen-ok-oy'-tace); a sodomite: [Relations with the same sex]
- **Thieves** - kleptes (klep'-tace); a stealer (literally or figuratively): (thief).
- **Greedy** - pleonektes (pleh-on-ek'-tace); holding (desiring) more, i.e. eager for gain (hence a defrauder): (covetous).
- **Drunkards** - methusos (meth'-oo-sos); tipsy, i.e. (as noun) a sot: (drunkard).
- **Slanderer** - loidoros (loy'-dor-os); abusive, i.e. a wretch: (railer, reviler).
- **Swindler** - harpax (har'-pax); greedy: (extortion, predatory).

When we are saved, we gain a new nature and are not to live through the human nature - Gal 5:19-21 - 19 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. **I WARN YOU**, as I did before, that those who LIVE LIKE THIS will not inherit the kingdom of God.

➤ **Live like this** - prasso (pras'-so); perform repeatedly or habitually

- **impurity** - akatharsia (ak-ath-ar-see'-ah) impurity, physically or morally: [Living as a Christian mixed with other things]
- **debauchery** - aselgeia (as-elg'-i-a) unrestrained self-indulgent immoral behavior.
- **WITCHCRAFT** - pharmakeia (far-mak-i'-ah) medication ("pharmacy"), magic (literally or figuratively): [any supernatural or controlled solution outside of God]
- **HATRED** - echthra (ekh'-thrah) hostility; by implication, a reason for opposition: [Opposite of True Love]
- **Discord** - eris (er'-is); a quarrel, backbiting: disagreement or strife between people.
- **Jealousy** - zelos (dzay'-los) heat, i.e. (figuratively) "zeal" (unfavorable one), jealousy, as of an enemy, malice): [Reacts to: not being included, not getting the same treatment, not having the same relationship]
- **Fits of rage** - thumos (thoo-mos') passion (as if breathing hard): [out of control anger]
- **Selfish ambition** - eritheia (er-ith-i'-ah) scheming, i.e. (by implication) faction: [The sole purpose is self]
- **Dissensions** - dichostsis (dee-khos-tas-ee'-ah) disunion, i.e. (figuratively) disagreement or difference of opinion, especially when leading to open conflict
- **Faction or HERESIES** - haireisis (hah'-ee-res-is) a party or (abstractly) disunion: a group that is a minority within a larger group and has interests or beliefs that are not always in harmony with the larger group
- **ENVY** - phthonos (fthon'-os) ill-will (as detraction), i.e. jealousy (spite): [wanting something you don't have]
- **Drunkenness** - methe (meth'-ay); apparently a primary word; an intoxicant, i.e. (by implication) intoxication:
- **Orgies** - komos (ko'-mos) a carousal (as if letting loose) or partying:

These traits are unacceptable with God's people - Eph 5:3-7 - 3 But **among you there must not be even a hint of** sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. 4 Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. 5 **FOR OF THIS YOU CAN BE SURE:** No immoral, impure or greedy person — such a man is an idolater — has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 6 **Let no one deceive you with empty words,** for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. 7 Therefore do not be partners with them.

- **sexual immorality** – (see above)
- **obscenity** - aischrotes (ahee-skhot'-ace); shamefulness, i.e., obscenity: (filthiness). [speaking with the knowledge of offending]
- **foolish talk** - morologia (mo-rol-og-ee'-ah); silly talk, i.e., buffoonery: (foolish talking). [Speaking outside of God]
- **coarse joking** - eutrapelia (yoo-trap-el-ee'-ah); witticism, i.e. (in a vulgar sense) language or behavior that is humorous but rude and vulgar, often involving jokes about sex: (jesting).

Only those, who through allowing Christ to live through them and overcomes inherits - Rev 21:7-8 - 7 **He who overcomes will inherit all this**, and I will be his God and he will be my son. 8 But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars — their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

- **cowardly** - deilos (di-los') dread; timid, i.e. (by implication) faithless: (fearful). [driving force is anything else other than God]
- **unbelieving** - apistos (ap'-is-tos); (actively) disbelieving, i.e., without Christian faith (specially, a heathen); (passively) untrustworthy (person). [Not living by Faith]
- **vile** - bdelusso (bdel-oos'-so); to be disgusted, i.e. (by implication) detest (especially of idolatry): (abhor, abominable).
- **murderers** - phoneus (fon-yooce'); a murderer (always of criminal [or at least intentional] homicide; (murderer). [those that hate]
- **liars** - pseudes (psyoo-dace'); untrue, i.e., erroneous, deceitful, wicked: (false, liar).

Final warning, you will still have a problem seeing this if you do not mature - Heb 5:11-14 - 11 We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are **slow to learn**. 12 In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. **You need milk, not solid food!** 13 Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. 14 But **solid food is for the mature**, who by **CONSTANT USE** have **trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.**

In a nutshell, we have two choices, with NO in-between. Either we are Spiritual (tares) and receive eternal life or we are not (weeds) and don't - Gal 6:7-8 - 7 **DO NOT BE DECEIVED:** God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.