Discerning the Wheat from the Weeds

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INTRODUCTION

- I'd like to discuss this idea of retrospect.
- When you consider yourself as someone who has lived rather than someone with life to live, it kind of changes your perspective on things.
- This morning I would like to discuss this idea of discerning between wheat and weeds.

1 Are You Proud of What You Are Growing?

2 Timothy 4:6–8; Matthew 25:13

- I'd like to discuss, are you proud of what you are growing?
- I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
- The harvest is coming, and the wheat and the weeds will be divided.
- Are you allowing yourself to be choked out, perhaps even taken over by the weeds that are around you?

2 What Does It Profit a Man?

Luke 9:23–25; Matthew 4

- If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.
- I very rarely am offered the whole world, and yet sometimes I fall down and I worship the devil.
- We can be distinguishable between the weed and the wheat if we read what the wheat's supposed to be.

3 We're Going to Answer to God

Matthew 7:21–23

- We need to live to please God, because Christ is coming at the harvest, and he will be able to discern what you are made of.
- A lot of the problem with people is we don't realize that we're going to answer to God.
- Not everyone who says to me, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

4 At the Right Time All Would Be Revealed

Matthew 13:24–30; Matthew 13:36–43

- He knew that at the right time all would be revealed.
- He also knew that in the meantime, there would be no practical way to distinguish what was good from what was bad.
- You may look exactly like all the wheat. You may fit in here, and no one may know, but Christ does.
- Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their father.

5 What You've Held Back from God

1 John 3:17

- What are you prepared to say about what you've held back from God?
- How do you treat other people? Is it like Christ expects us to? Is it full of love, gentleness, compassion?
- What are you going to say to God about your attendance to church?
- If anyone has the world's goods and does not help his brother, that's a problem.

6 What Is Heaven Worth to You?

Matthew 13:44–46; Luke 9:23–25

- It comes down to the question of what is heaven worth to you?
- Who on finding one pearl of great value went and sold all that he had and he bought it.
- Kingdom of heaven is worth all that we have, all that we are, put together, multiplied by infinity.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **What is our life showing? Are you a weed or a wheat? Do you love or do you sow more seeds of the devil?**

MY NOTES