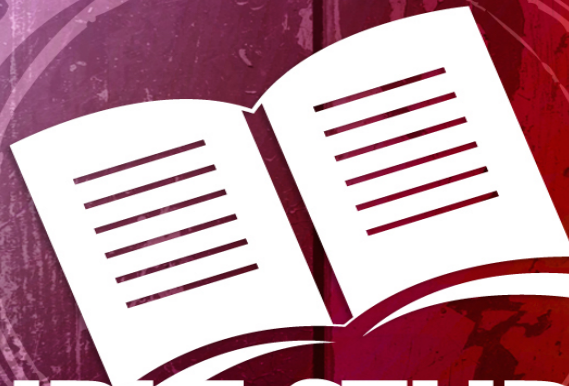


# Sermon Outlines



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### Practical Principles from the Parables

#### “Establishing the Strategy for a Faithful Finish”

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

#### Series Theme Passage

**Matthew 13:16** (ESV) – But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.

#### Main Text

**Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43** (ESV) – <sup>24</sup>He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup>but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup>And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ <sup>28</sup>He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup>But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup>He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the

kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one,<sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.<sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.<sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers,<sup>42</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.<sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

## **Big Idea – Endurance is Born Out of Surrender to the Lord**

### **Three Steps of a Winning Strategy**

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#### **Step #1 – Alertness – Always Stay Awake to the Assault of the Enemy**

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- **Key Point** – The first step is discovered in the theme of “alertness.” We must always remain alert and awake to the assault of the enemy to win the war. The enemy will continually attack you with temptations and frustrations in order to lure you away from a strong, vibrant relationship with the Lord.

#### **Step #2 – Awareness – Always Be Aware of the Aftermath of the Enemy**

**Matthew 13:26-28a** (ESV) – <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also.<sup>27</sup> And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’<sup>28a</sup> He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’

- **Key Point** – The second step is discovered in the theme of “awareness.” We must always be aware of the aftermath of the enemy. The enemy will continually sow seeds of doubt and discord among God’s people but don’t let this deter you from finishing faithfully.

#### **Step #3 – Abiding Attitude – Fix Your Heart and Mind on the Eternal Prize**

**Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43** (ESV) – <sup>28b</sup> So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’<sup>29</sup> But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them.<sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

- **Key Point** – The final step is discovered in the theme of maintaining an “abiding attitude” in your pursuit of the Lord. If you want to finish faithfully then you must fix your heart, soul, mind, and life upon obtaining the eternal prize that is offered through Christ alone.

### **Memory Verse**

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**1 Corinthians 9:24** (ESV) – Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.

**Challenge:**

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Remind yourself that your responsibility, before the Lord, is to apply the truths you have discovered in the Word of God. As you reflect on this message, answer this question,

- How can you share God's winning strategy with others around you this week?