

Parable of the Wheat & the Tares



Matthew 13:24-30 King James Version (KJV)

²⁴ Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:

²⁵ But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

²⁶ But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

²⁷ So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

²⁸ He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

²⁹ But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.



Look at the picture of the wheat and tares. Place a “T” next to true statements and an “F” next to false statements.

- ☐ 1. There is no difference between the wheat and the tares in the parable.
- ☐ 2. It is our job to judge people as either wheat or tares.
- ☐ 3. God allows tares to grow in His church until His return.
- ☐ 4. The Parable of the Wheat & the Tares is for Christians and non-Christians.
- ☐ 5. Christians can start out as wheat and become tares through neglect and disobedience.
- ☐ 6. The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares is a reminder to stay vigilant in the faith.
- ☐ 7. It is easy to tell the wheat from the tares.
- ☐ 8. Both the wheat and the tares receive understanding & knowledge from God.

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WHEAT
SERVANT
SOW
ENEMY
GATHER
BUNDLES

TARES
PLANTED
SEED
HARVEST
ROOT
BURN

KINGDOM
FRUIT
FIELD
REAPER
BIND

How do you think the enemy was able to enter the field?

If the man had stayed awake, do you believe things would have turned out differently? Why or why not?

The word “sleep” suggests that the man... (circle one)

- a. Did not care about his wheat field.**
- b. Was lazy & didn’t pay attention to his field.**
- c. Took it for granted that the wheat would grow without his help & attention.**
- d. All of the above.**

The tares were left to grow with the wheat. Why did the owner do this?

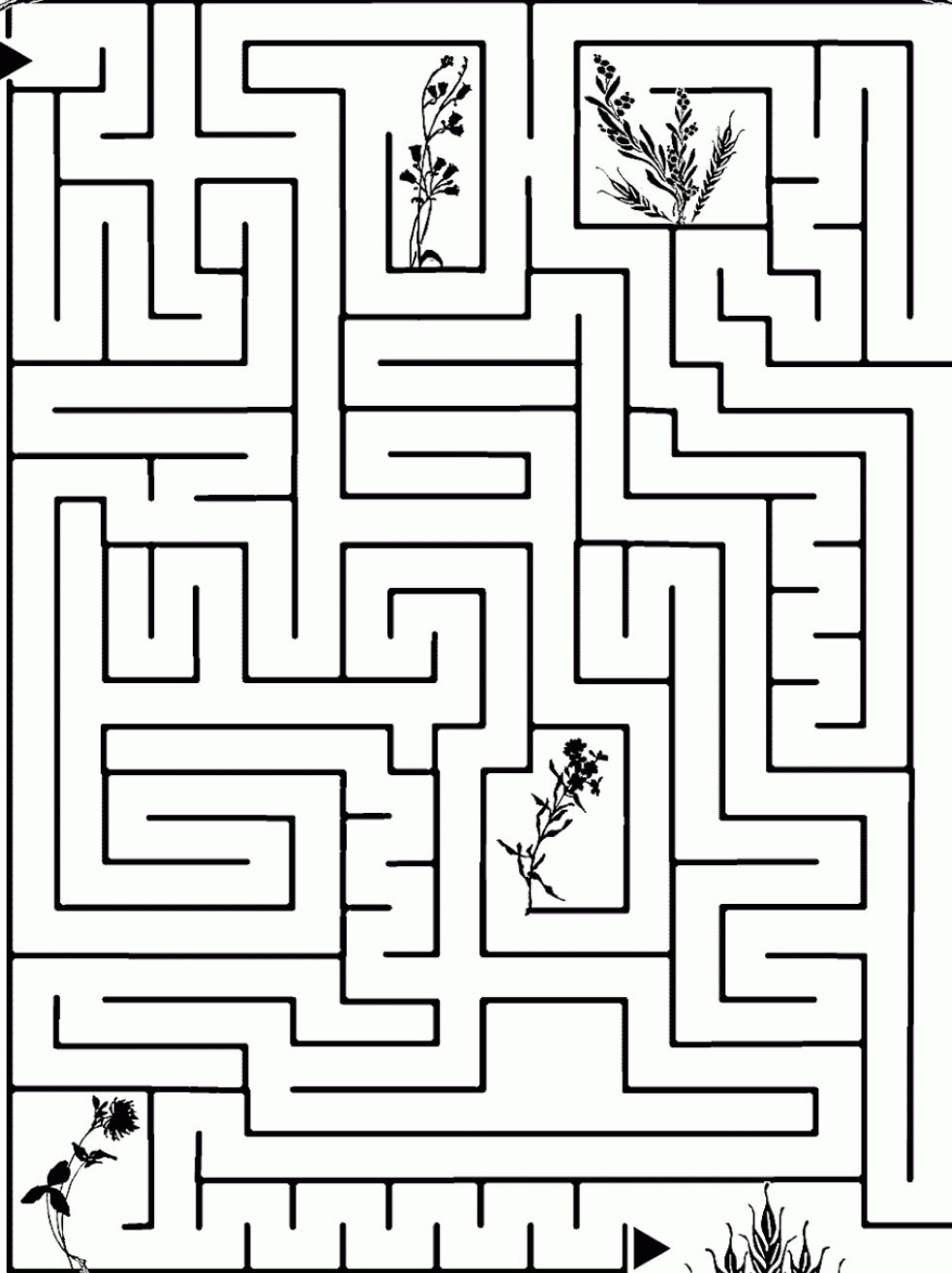
There are wheat and tares in every church fellowship. Reflect on your own Christian walk. How can you keep from becoming a tare?

Parable

The Wheat and the Weeds

Help the owner of the field separate the wheat from the weeds.

START



Jesus said that the Kingdom of God was like a man who sowed his field with quality wheat seed. While he was sleeping his enemy crept in and sowed weeds. Rather than risk hurting the wheat he chose to let them grow together until harvest time. Then the reapers gathered the weeds to be burned and gathered the wheat into the barn.

