

GROWTH IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

UNDERSTANDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD - Part 5 of 9

The Word of the Lord concerning the attainment through Christ of salvation in the kingdom of God, continued to grow and spread.
Acts 12:24 (AMP)

2 KINDS OF GROWTH IMPACTING THE KINGDOM

Matt 13:24-29 - Matt 13:36-43

NEGATIVE GROWTH COMES FROM...

1. _____

The enemy who planted the weeds among the wheat is the devil.
Matt. 13:39 (NLT)

The weeds are the people who belong to the evil one.
Matt. 13:38b (NLT)

2. _____

I know that false teachers, like vicious wolves, will come in among you after I leave, not sparing the flock.
Acts 20:29 (NLT)

...you will have some false teachers in your group. They will secretly teach things that are wrong—teachings that will cause people to be lost.
2 Pet. 2:1 (NCV)

3. _____

They've put themselves on a fast downhill slide to destruction, but not before they recruit a crowd of mixed-up followers who can't tell right from wrong. They give the way of truth a bad name.
2 Pet. 2:2 (Mes)

Even some men from your own group will rise up and distort the truth in order to draw a following.
Acts 20:30 (NLT)

POSITIVE GROWTH COMES FROM...

1. _____

I planted the seed, and Apollos watered it. But God is the One who made it grow.
1 Cor.3:6 (NCV)

2. _____

The Son of Man is the farmer who plants the good seed. The field is the world, and the good seed represents the people of the Kingdom.
Matt. 13:37-38a (NLT)

God wants us to grow up, to know the whole truth and tell it in love—like Christ in everything. We take our lead from Christ, who is the source of everything we do.
Eph. 4:15 (Mes)

3. _____

The church became stronger, as the Holy Spirit encouraged it and helped it grow.
Acts 9:31 (CEV)

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHEAT AND TARES

1. TARES LOOK AND SOUND LIKE _____

What a person plants, he will harvest. The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others—ignoring God!—harvests a crop of weeds.
Gal. 6:7 (Mes)

When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear... anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.
Gal. 5:19,21 (NLT)

2. WHEAT LOOKS AND SOUNDS LIKE _____

The one who plants in response to God, letting God's Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life.”
Gal. 6:8 (Mes)

Jesus replied, “All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them. Anyone who doesn't love me will not obey me.
John 14:23-24 (NLT)