

## Matthew 13:25

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

Are we sleeping in the church; therefore, the enemy is creeping into the church? I'm not talking physical sleeping where people dose off while the pastor is teaching. I'm talking about Christians feeling like they are in La-La Land with no thought about how the enemy is trying to creep into the church, or even into their homes. But everything is good, we have Jesus and we don't need to care about those false prophets and enemies trying to creep into our church, because Jesus is watching over us. Or so some think that way.

But that's not what Jesus is talking about when you read today's devotional. Let's read it in its entirety

† **Matthew 13:24-30** *Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn." "*

Sometimes we get so busy without business in church, or even outside of the church, that the enemy subtly creeps in, and we don't even know it until it's too late. The result is that harm has come to the church, be it one person, a whole family or a dreaded church split, and they happen because we are too busy with our busyness of seeing the church grow, that we do not tend to the fruit or wheat (Believers) that have been planted there.

Others just get lazy and do the Sunday morning thing, you know, once again, those in La-La Land, sleeping in the comfort of knowing they are going to heaven, yet do nothing more for God's Kingdom, so they just kick back and sleep and daydream of being in heaven one day.

I so look forward to going to heaven and being with Jesus, but until then, I don't want to just sit around waiting for Jesus to take me home. No, Jesus has given us all things to do until He returns for us, His Bride the Church.

† **Luke 19:13 (KJV)** *And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.*

† **Luke 14:16-17** *Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.'*

We are to go out and invite others to join us in heaven, but if you sit around doing nothing, or just ignore what's going on around you, then the enemy will creep in and start to deceive those in the church, your family, and even yourself. One of the ploys of the enemy is to make us think that we have plenty of time, and to just kick back and do nothing, until we feel like it, or we finally find time to do something for the Lord. With that attitude, the right time never comes, but the bible says that ***For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you." Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation. 2 Corinthians 6:2 (NLT2)***

Not tomorrow, not next week, not Easter Sunday, not when you retire, not when your favorite TV show is over, but "***Today***".

The enemy says you can do it tomorrow, but God says, do it "***Today***"

† **Revelation 1:3** *Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.*