

**In a Field of Weeds:
Discerning Our Allegiance in a Time of Rage**

1. WE HAVE A _____ PROBLEM.

For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear.⁴ They will reject the truth and chase after myths.

⁵ But you should keep a clear mind in every situation.

2 Timothy 4:3-5(NLT)

2. WE HAVE A _____ PROBLEM.

You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' ²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment.

Matthew 5:21-22 (NIV)

3. WE HAVE AN _____ PROBLEM.

Dear friends, I warn you as "temporary residents and foreigners" to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls.

1 Peter 2:11 (NLT)

It is God's will that your honorable lives should silence those ignorant people who make foolish accusations against you. ¹⁶ For you are free, yet you are God's slaves, so don't use your freedom as an excuse to do evil.¹⁷ Respect everyone, and love the family of believers. Fear

God, and respect the king.

1 Peter 2:15-17 (NLT)

PAUL'S ADVICE:

- LIVE _____

- HONOR _____.

Here is another story Jesus told: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field. ²⁵ But that night as the workers slept, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat, then slipped away. ²⁶ When the crop began to grow and produce grain, the weeds also grew.

²⁷ "The farmer's workers went to him and said, 'Sir, the field where you planted that good seed is full of weeds! Where did they come from?'

²⁸ "'An enemy has done this!' the farmer exclaimed.

"Should we pull out the weeds?' they asked.

²⁹ "'No,' he replied, 'you'll uproot the wheat if you do. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the weeds, tie them into bundles, and burn them, and to put the wheat in the barn.'"

Matthew 13:24-30 (NLT)