

## Darnel and Wheat

Some of the most popular Gospels are the ones which demonstrate common sense. The Gospels which would not fit easily into the secular definition of what is holy.

The wheat and the darnel is a favourite.

“No because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it.”

That upon recognition of an imperfection, often the best thing to do, is not to make matters worse.

There was a young man who had just reached the age of vanity. His hair was now groomed. His cloths chosen and not simply thrown on.

All was well, apart from a small spot on his face just below his left eye line. It was little more than a touch of pink discoloration. No one really noticed it apart from him. But when he looked in the mirror it was all he saw.

So he started picking at it. As the he did so the bruising upon his face became more apparent. Which meant that his sister was given an opportunity to make a comment. Still he had to pick at what was now a small sore. Not leaving his body the time to heal he picked at it until it became infected and now dominated his whole facial appearance.

He had tried to weed out the small imperfection, and pulled up any hope of enjoying his beauty.

Tied down by Covid19 she decided to use her time well. The wall paper in the back bedroom was to be replaced. Everyone who saw it admired the work. Everyone who went into the room saw a job well done. All that she saw was a small spot just above the dressing table that did not match. That small spot that did not line up. It might have been a fault in the printing. Or she might have stretched something. She picked at that spot in her mind. She picked at the reasons and possible solutions. She picked at the tiny problem until it was all she thought of when she entered the room. Finally she tore up the paper and destroyed what was a good job.

She had tried to weed out the small imperfection, and pulled up any hope of relaxation.

His son was a good lad who cared for his Father, but had become very busy with work commitments over the last month. Dad appreciated all that was done for him, but had a spot of bother concerning his weekend visits. He did not mind his not staying as long, but he was picky about when the visit took place. He was not overly concerned about the shopping done on his behalf, but was picky about when it was delivered. He did not want this son to feel any obligation, but he would pick out the inconvenience of bad time keeping.

He picked, and picked, and picked until he tore out any joy in the relationship they shared.

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You may be amazed to discover that I am not perfect

You may be amazed to discover that my life is not perfect

You may be amazed to discover that you are not perfect

You may be amazed to discover that your life is not perfect

However have a bit of sense

Have a bit of patience

Don't pull up the wheat, with the darnel

Learn to live with your imperfections

their imperfections.

the world's imperfections.

If God loves the world

If God loves you

Why should you refuse

Focus upon the positive, and upon

what can be done

Don't consume all your energy picking at a problem

Have patience

And there will be a rich harvest.

