

•24 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who 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 grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. 27 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?' 28 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?' 29 But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. 30 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." ' ' ' Matthew 13:24:30

•You are not free if you are living tormented by sin cycles.

•**CYCLE-** a series of events that are regularly repeated in the same order

•Sin is a cycle- seed time and harvest.

•Planting the seed of sin will put you in the harvest of sin.

•Just because you haven't planted in a while doesn't mean you're not a sinner.

•Freedom is not the time between sin cycles, it is the absence of sin cycles.

•You're not just a farmer when you're planting.

It's easy to be arrogant about someone else's addiction.

• You don't have a problem with Crack. No you have a problem with CREDIT!

• Maybe it's not heroine but hamburgers. Not sniffing coke but self obsessed.

•Many people are an addict. We just haven't figured out what your needle is.

When someone else does it's an addiction. When you do it you just have issues.

• It's easy to be arrogant about other peoples addictions and make exceptions for your own.

•I've got good gospel news today- You can DEAL WITH THE FARMER!

•We're teaching people to manage their cycles.

•Jesus did not die to manage your cycle. He died to kill your sin!

• **The Cycle of Sin**

•Everything has a cycle.

Conquering

•You must fight to stay a conquer.

• **You must Pray to Slay!**

•Shirt- Wake-Pray-Slay

•You must defend what you have conquered.

Complacency

•Are you settling into a lukewarm life?

•Becoming passive instead of protective?

•**Febreze**

•The problem is when someone is constantly in the presence of a bad odor you become desensitized to your own smells.

•Because they didn't realize they smelled bad, there was no incentive for them to use Febreze.

Compromise

•We are so enmeshed in our culture that we don't even notice that we have adopted the ways of the world.

•The enemy is trying to gain a strong hold.

•The way the enemy works is this: he doesn't make you do things you hate, he helps you do things you love, and things that are bad, and things that are wrong, and things that are addicting and enslaving.

•This is the way satan works. He will give you whatever you want as long as he gets to be your king and as long as you serve his kingdom.

•Sex outside of marriage? Fine. Drink? Fine. Overconsumption? Absolutely. You're welcome to not just partake but over consume, and that's okay.

•***Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. James 4:4***

Consequences

•*After a natural disaster, insurance adjuster. Estimate of damage or property loss.*

• **WE GET TO MAKE THE DECISION. WE DON'T GET TO CHOOSE THE CONSEQUENCES!**

•***God does not allow His saints to sin successfully. Charles Surgeon***

•***Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.***

Contrition

•*Are you broken over what you did, or the fact that you got caught?*

Confession

•You can't confess with a but...

Commitment

•Job- I have made a covenant with my eyes...

•***Psalm 101:2 I will behave wisely in a perfect way. Oh, when will You come to me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. 3 I will set nothing wicked before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; It shall not cling to me. 4 A perverse heart shall depart from me; I will not know wickedness.***

• **Rumble Strips**

• **The cross is not the place where God wants to change the way you think.**

• **It's the place that He wants to kill the old way of thinking!**

•**NEXT STEP**

•Identify where you are in the cycle.

•What enemy is still in your life?

•***NEW LANDLORD!!! I Don't answer to you anymore!***