

DARNEL AND WHEAT used 2026

There is a fantastic saying that you should not throw out the baby with the bath water.

This could be paraphrased as;

You should not pull up the wheat with the darnel.

There is no field of wheat which is perfect.
There is no job that is finished without some sort of blemish.
There is no human being who is without fault.

He knew that his hairstyle was fashionable. Having just arrived back from the salon and standing in front of the mirror for a mere half an hour. The twenty three pounds that he had paid seemed worth the price, but for that funny section above his left ear. As he gazed at his image the professional job of hairdressing began to fade from his consciousness until all that he could see was this peculiar tuft of stubborn hair.

After an hour he picked up his comb. After another twenty minutes the work of hair stylist was ruined and his head looked like the top of a toilet brush. He had just had to pick at the fault; he just had to pull at the darnel and destroy the whole thing.

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She really liked him, not just because he was good looking, although he was. But also because she found that in his company she was really comfortable. They laughed easily, and he was patient with her Mum who always seemed to want to know their life histories. She did! She really liked him. But he would insist on supporting Blackburn Rovers. He even went to the games. He paid money that could have been spent at the Paradise club to get into Ewood Park.

She began by questions moved on to interrogation and rounded off with full scale nagging.

She just had to pick at that one fault; she just had to pull at the darnel and destroy the whole thing.
So they split up.

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He found that he had a natural religious belief. Faith came very easily to him. So he decided that he would pray on a much more organised basis. Ten minutes in the morning, Ten minutes at lunch, ten minutes before he went out at night.

However being young he was not content with the results of his efforts. He did not have visions of angels. He sometimes found that the time had passed without prayer.

He even still condemned himself as guilty of the same sins, and prone to the same faults.

The slow maturing presence of prayer in his day was abandoned. Instead he just picked and picked at his faults, he just pulled at the dandel and destroyed the whole thing.

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Obviously it is a matter of judgement.
Some issues do have to be addressed.

However generally it is better to just calm down and stop picking at the faults.
Enjoy what you have and what you are.

Jesus calls us to celebrate the love of the Father and not simply to keep picking at the faults of the devil.