Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (NLT)

24 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.’”

36 Then, leaving the crowds outside, Jesus went into the house. His disciples said, “Please explain to us the story of the weeds in the field.”
37 Jesus replied, “The Son of Man is the farmer who plants the good seed.
38 The field is the world, and the good seed represents the people of the Kingdom. The weeds are the people who belong to the evil one.
39 The enemy who planted the weeds among the wheat is the devil. The harvest is the end of the world, and the harvesters are the angels.

40 “Just as the weeds are sorted out and burned in the fire, so it
will be at the end of the world.
41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will remove
from his Kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil.
42 And the angels will throw them into the fiery furnace, where
there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father’s
Kingdom. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!

Farmer – Jesus

The Field – The World

Wheat – Jesus Followers

The reason for wheat is to bear fruit.

Weeds – Satan's Followers

So, what are we to do?

1. We are to watch and pray.

1 Timothy 2:1-3 (NLT)

1 I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them.
2 Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.
3 This is good and pleases God our Savior,

2. We are to bring as many people as we can to Jesus and teach them His way.

Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)

19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the
Holy Spirit.
20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have
given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to
the end of the age.”

3. We are to encourage one another.

Hebrews 3:13 (NIV)

13 But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

4. Let God judge.

*God's job is to judge
*The Holy Spirit's job is to convict
*My job is to love.

Billy Graham