



Dealing With People

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Parable of the Dragnet

- Matt. 13:47 ¶ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, 48 which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. 49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, 50 and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”



Net Brings in Bad People

- Murmurers like Israel of old (1 Cor. 10:10)
- Discouragers like the spies (Num. 13:33)
- Doubters like Thomas (Jno. 20:25)
- Unthankful like the ten lepers (Lk. 17:17)



Net Brings in Bad People

- Super critical like Pharisees (Matt. 7:1-5)
- Liars like Simon Peter (Matt. 26:70)
- Backbiters (Num. 12:2)
- Quitters like Demas (2 Tim. 4:10)



Net Brings in Good People

- Like Andrew who was always bringing people to Christ (Jno. 1:40-41)
- Of compassion like Epaphroditus (Phil. 2:25-30)
- Like Luke who was faithful (2 Tim. 4:11)
- Like Barnabas who will stand with you (Acts 9:26-27)
- Like Priscilla and Aquila who are workers (Rom 16:3-4)



What To Do

- Use Common sense - Why allow the bad to dominate our thinking?
- Realize that some work for the devil (Phil. 3:17-19)
- Remember when we point our finger at someone else three are pointing back at us (2 Cor. 13:5)
- Stay away from them! (1 Cor. 15:33; Rom. 16:17-18)
- The Lord will judge (Matt. 13:47-50)