

¹Christian Character Weeding Principles

1. We must go out to weed every day, because new weeds pop-up every day.
2. We must choose the right weeding tool to get the job done.
3. We have to destroy the weeds' roots; otherwise, they just keep growing and coming back up from the roots.
4. Weed seeds will travel into our garden from our neighbors' properties, brought in by wind, water, animals, and people.
5. Different seasons – different weeds.
6. Some weeds are very beautiful, but they're still weeds.
7. Wherever there's an empty patch of ground, weeds will come in and fill the void.
8. Weeds grow better than flowers where the conditions are the driest and most barren.
9. If we focus on only one type of weed, other types of weeds will take over.
10. It's absolutely critical that we destroy character weeds before they go to seed, otherwise they will be much more difficult to eradicate, because they will spread their seeds throughout our character and also affect other people.

¹ Handout for the talk: "In Our Lord's Garden", Br. Allan Ross