

TWO STANDS OF CORN

Early September of 2009 I looked at our two stands of corn.
Something very striking caught my eye.



As you can see, the bed on the right is much greener than the one on the left. I was curious because the two beds were planted the same time, with the same seed, and watered alike.

I looked a little closer and found the greener patch had mostly two ears per stalk, and the stalks were sturdy.



While the other patch had one or less ears per stalk, and the stalks were not as rigorous.

I had a hunch what might be the cause. I looked between the rows on the greener side. Yes, the rows were still pretty much weed free from our intense weeding weeks before.



But the weeds we didn't get to on the left-hand patch still clogged the rows.

Then I noticed something else. The back side of the scrawnier row had healthier looking plants. And, again, the stalks had two ears each.



To confirm my theory I looked between the rows where the healthier plants began and saw where we had stopped weeding between the rows!

The lesson? Weeding pays.

It pays in the garden of life, too. A weed is something ill-timed, inappropriate, and undesired. If we ignore them they will sap our vitality and productiveness and disfigure the beauty God designed for us to have.

As we weed our earthly gardens we can invite the heavenly Gardener to weed the garden of our heart. There may be a momentary pain as He removes cumbersome things from our life, but the results are astounding... as you can see.