

Bitterness
Hebrews 12:14-15
Hostage Series Week 1

Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. 15 See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. Heb 12:14-15

BITTERNESS HAS A DANGEROUS ROOT.

See to it that...no bitter root grows up... Heb. 12:15

BITTERNESS PRODUCES A POISONOUS FRUIT.

...whenever (the bitter root) springs up, many are corrupted by its poison. Heb 12:15 NLT

BITTER PEOPLE

- 1) Justify their bitterness.
- 2) Become overly critical.
- 3) Secretly celebrate misfortunes.
- 4) Write-off entire groups of people.
- 5) Struggle to see bitterness in the mirror.

WITH WHOM OR AT WHAT ARE YOU BITTER?

HOW DO YOU KILL THE ROOT OF BITTERNESS?

Pull roots

KILL BITTERNESS WITH FORGIVENESS.

*Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
Eph 4:31-32*

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Eph 4:32*

For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. Matt 6:14-15