



When Bitterness Takes Over

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¹⁴ Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord.

¹⁵ Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many.

Hebrews 12:14-15 NLT

1. Bitterness is a hidden destroyer

2. How do you kill a root of bitterness?

- Name it and expose it
- Cancel the person's debt
- Bless your offender

Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them. **Ephesians 5:11 NLT**

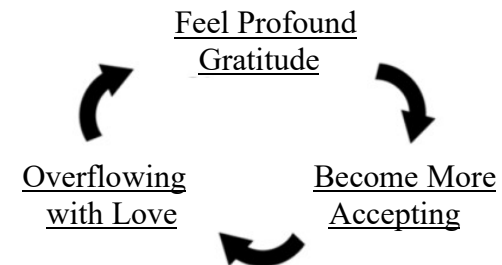
³² Then the king called in the man he had forgiven and said, 'You evil servant! I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Shouldn't you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ Then the angry king sent the man to prison to be tortured until he had paid his entire debt. ³⁵ "That's what my heavenly Father will do to you if you refuse to forgive your brothers and sisters from your heart." **Matthew 18:32-35 NLT**

²⁷ "But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. ²⁸ Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you. **Luke 6:27-28 NLT**

³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. ³² Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:31-32 NLT

I'M FORGIVEN



Next Steps:

- Commit to not let any root of bitterness grow in me by forgiving those who have harmed me
- Destroy the bitterness in me I have for _____ by forgiving them, and praying for them
- When I struggle to forgive others who hurt me, I will focus on how much God has forgiven me
- _____