



“Playing with Bitterness”

Playing with Fire Series

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

2 Biblical thoughts about bitterness:

- 1) Bitterness has a DANGEROUS ROOT.
 - “See to it that.....no bitter root grows....” Hebrews 12:15
 - Roots ABORG.....GROW.....& STORE.
- 2) Bitterness produces a POISONOUS ROOT.
 - “Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many.” Hebrews 12:15 (New Living Translation)

5 Qualities of Bitter people:

- 1) Bitter people JUSTIFY their bitterness.
- 2) Bitter people become CRITICAL.
- 3) Bitter people celebrate the MISFORTUNES OF OTHERS.
- 4) Bitter people tend to WRITE OFF entire groups of people.
- 5) Bitter people often don't see bitterness IN THEIR OWN LIFE.

How do we kill the root of bitterness?

- We kill the root of bitterness with FORGIVENESS.
 - “Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” Ephesians 4:31-32
 - You must CHOOSE to forgive!
 - “.....forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32

Why is forgiveness so important?

- “For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.” Matthew 6:14-15