



Hebrews 12:15 (NIV) See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

1. **Bitterness Has a Dangerous _____.**
 See to it that...no bitter root grows up... (Hebrews 12:15)
 ...keeps no record of wrong. (1 Corinthians 13:5)

Bitter People

- A. Justify Their Bitterness
- B. Become Overly Critical
- C. Secretly Celebrate the Misfortunes of Others
- D. Write Off Entire Groups of People
- E. Struggle to See Bitterness in the Mirror

With Whom or What Are You Bitter? _____

2. **Bitterness Leads to a Poisonous _____.**
 See to it that...no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. (Hebrews 12:15)
3. **The Root of Bitterness Is Killed with _____.**
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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 wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart." (Matthew 18:32-35)

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

True Forgiveness Is _____.

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Want to Go Deeper?

- Memorize Hebrews 12:15.
- With whom or what are you bitter?
- List all of your sins and think of God's grace to you.
- If you are ready to accept God's invitation to a new life, let us know and we will help you with next steps.
- Read *Choosing Forgiveness* by Nancy DeMoss.

Please let us know the commitments you are making to God by using the Communication Card. We will pray for you.

Next week...Trapped! Part 3: Trapped by Lies