

LIFE CHANGING MINISTRIES
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 Introduction to Bitterness

Definitions - (Pungent, Sharp) Memory Verse: Heb 12:15

Greek = "Pikria" = Intensely Harsh Towards ^(ACCUSATIVE IN MANNER) Me, You, Strangers, Spouses, Peers, Workers, Acquaintances, God

Bitterness is a deeply rooted sin that is caused by unresolved ^{MUST CONFRONT} maladjusted feelings: Resulting in... (1) broken fellowship with God, (2) intrapersonal evil fruition & (3) torn interpersonal relationships ^{ONE ANOTHER... CHURCH, MARRIAGE, WORK, SCHOOL}

I. Key Maxims

- Bitterness is what we feel when others sin against us. ^{REAL PRESUMED}
- Bitterness is always toward those who are closest to us. ^{16 OF THOSE FAR AWAY SPOUSE / PARENT / PASTOR}
- Bitterness remembers details. ^{CONSTANT REVIEW IN MIND}
- Bitterness accumulates over time. ^{FEELERS, HEB 3:7... INTO ACTIONS}
- Bitterness is not justified, no one has the right to be bitter. ^{MAY FEEL LIKE WE HAVE RIGHT}
- Bitterness is located in the root. ^{(CAN HAVE RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION) - 16 30645}

II. Sample Steps of Regression

- begins 1 - a-Expectations not met, b-Insecurities, c-Wronged
 leads to 2 - a-Disappointment(s), b-Jealousy, c-Unforgiveness
 leads to 3 - Feelings of = hurt, betrayal, anger(s), wrath, grudge
 leads to 4 - Actions = resentment, backbiting, seditions, whisperers
 root 5 - Bitterness = hatred, stripes, faultfinding, variance, revenge, murder
 state of 6 - Spirituality in vain (Right w/ God & Man... then have church
 state of 7 - 3 fold sickness (physical, emotional, spiritual)
 state of 8 - Pathological Euphoria (Actually enjoys being bitter!)

1 Sam 18:6-13
 Gen 4

- Eph 4:31 - I Sam 18:6-13 - Acts 13:45 - Jam 3 - Col 3:19
- Matt 7:1-5 - II Tim 3:3 - Ezek 28:11-29(18) - Gen 4:1-14
- I Jn 3:15 - Is 59:1-2 - Pv 18:8 - Mic 6:13 - Rv 9:19-21/16:9
- Ruth 1:20-21 - Jm 3:11/14-16 - Matt 5:23-24/18:21-35 - Gal 5:20
- Lk 4:18 - Ps 15 - Rom 1:29-31/3:14 - Lk 15:25-32 - Gen 37
- Jonah 4:4/4:9 - Lk 15:25-32 - Acts 13:13/15:37-39 - Num 16

III. Solutions - I IN 8:14

- Take ownership & confess, Heb 12:15, Ps 139:23-24, I Jn 1:9
- To get apology is no prerequisite, Eph 4:31, Col 3:8, II Tm 4:6
- Forgive (them/self), Matt 18:21-35, Mk 11:25-26, Lk 17:3-4/23:34
- Loving fruit in action, Col 3:12-14, Eph 4:32/5:22, I Cor 13
- Reconciliation(s), (not who's right or wrong) Gal 6:1, Pv 19:11, Gen 50:15-21, Matt 5:23-24/18:15-17, I Cor 6:7, Rom 12:17-21
- Tame the tongue, Jam 3, Eph 4:29, Pro 25:23, I Tm 3:11, Ex 23:1
- a - Why am I saying this? ^{MOTIVE... TRYING TO HURT... NEED TO HURT...}
- b - Is it possible that there is another side to this? ^{WAS NOT THERE, ALL THE STORY}
- c - Would I feel comfortable saying this to Jesus?
- Gossip = 1-evil talk (about others) 2-unauthenticated stories
- Jesus' examples: Is 53:3/9, Phil 2:5-8, Lk 22:62-65, I Pet 2:23

Didn't matter because you're ^{READY TO FIGHT BATTLE} (ACCUSATIVE/DEFENSIVE) (NOT BASED ON HIS SAID) DONT PASS IT ON, STOP IT