

HOSTAGE No More

FREED FROM BITTERNESS

Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled; - Heb 12:14-15

THE REALITIES BITTERNESS

1. Bitterness Produces A _____

See to it . . . that no root of bitterness . . . - Hebrews 12:15

• The Directions of a Bitter Root

- Upward – Bitter with God

Example = Cain – Genesis 4:6-7

- Outward – Bitter with _____ or _____

Example = Joseph's brothers - Genesis 37

Example = Naomi – Ruth 1:20

- Inward – Bitterness with _____

Example = Peter – Matthew 26:75

2. Bitterness Produces A _____

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 12:15 (NLT)

CHARACTERISTICS OF BITTERNESS

1. Bitter People _____ Their Bitterness

2. Bitter People Become Overly _____

3. Bitter People Find Pleasure In The _____ Of _____

4. Bitter People Many Times _____ Entire Groups Of _____

5. Bitter People Normally Don't See _____ Bitterness

UPROOTING BITTERNESS

- **You uproot bitterness with _____**

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. - Ephesians 4:31-32