

THE POWER OF BITTERNESS TO DESTROY. Ephesians 4:30-32
Hebrews 12:15

1. BITTERNESS: A noun; Bitter: Adjective.

1. Means to express grief or pain.
2. Piercingly harsh or cruel in speech.
3. Stinging, Caustic, Acrimonious.

2. Prisons, Reformatories are all filled with people who are bitter.

3. Check with the older citizens who have given their lives in search of selfish satisfaction and you will be impressed with the bitterness that is theirs as they near the sunset of life.

4. THE YOUNG (new member) normally is filled with zeal and optimism.

1. He sees the world through rose colored glasses.
2. He may believe that he can take the world for Christ single-handed

5. The veteran of many campaigns:

1. May be tempted to be cynical as he views his wounds.
2. As he recalls the defeats he has suffered.
3. As he counts those of his acquaintance who started out as faithful warriors for Christ...but who in the heat of battle turned back.

6. SATAN WOULD DESTROY US WITH BITTERNESS:

1. He knows that we can never build with bitterness.
2. He knows that he can shrivel up our souls by leading us to concentrate on our defeats and weaknesses.
3. He knows that he can ruin us by leading us to think on the faults of our fellow men.

7. BITTER WEEDS IN THE OZONA, TEXAS AREA:

1. Men look for them; pull them up and destroy these weeds lest they destroy the sheep. We should look for and destroy the bitter weeds lest they destroy the soul.

8. BEWARE OF BITTERNESS:

1. It will devour and destroy you and make you the center of a spirit which men will shun and God hates.
2. Bitterness destroy zeal, discourages faith, & Hope

