

## 4 Living Bitter-Less

Series: Living with Less

Hebrews 12:15

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**Hebrews 12:15** See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;

I. **Living Bitter-Less** is Intentional (15) See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God;

- Protect Your Personal Testimony (15) See to it
- Profess to Others The Gospel (15) See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God;

What are you to See To so that no one fails to obtain? **1 Corinthians 3:6** | planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.

All Believers have a God Appointed Work to do.

- Planting seed is Proclaiming The Gospel of Jesus Christ.
  - Preaching The Word

**Romans 10:14** How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

- Witnessing – Door to Door, Handing out Tracts – Sharing your Testimony

- **Watering** seed is the **Follow-up** after planting the seed. Cards, Letters, Phone-calls, Visitation.

- **Relationship Evangelism**

II. **Living Bitter-Less** Avoids **Irritation** (15) that no "**root of bitterness**" springs up and **causes trouble**,

This is talking about the **Attitude of Apostates** within the Church who are corruptive influences.”

I call these kinds of people **Pot Stirrers**.

**Hebrews 10:26** For if we **go on** sinning **deliberately** after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there **no longer remains a sacrifice for sins**,

This passage deals with the sin of **Apostasy**, an **intentional** falling away, or defection.

**Apostates** are those who **move toward** Christ, **hear and understand** His gospel, and are **on the verge** of saving belief, but then **rebel and turn away**.

This warning against apostasy is one of the most serious warnings in all of Scripture.

**This warning follows another warning that has become Epidemic in the Church!**

**Hebrews 10:25** And let us **not neglect** our **meeting together**, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

III. **Living Bitter-Less** Avoids Injuring Others (15) and by it many become defiled;

- This kind of attitude of a **Professing Apostate Believer** will turn people away from Christ and His Church.

They are those who may even be a member of the church but are **Constantly Bitter, Always Negative, and Angry**. They typically start rumors and rebel against what the church is trying to accomplish. They Hear Gods Word and maybe even Read Gods Word with no real effect on or change in their lives.

- **Don't be a Pretender** **2 Corinthians 6:1** As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain.

**These People who go to church to help their status in the community! Or they are lonely and in need of companionship.**

**2 Corinthians 13:5** Examine yourselves to see if you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Don't you understand that Jesus Christ is in you? Unless, of course, you fail the test.

A true spiritual inventory does not focus on external behavior or religious activities but on the internal attitudes of the heart. Jesus' words to the church at Sardis, **Revelation 3:1** " I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, and you are in fact dead. stand as a sobering warning to all who profess a faith they do not possess. No amount of resolve or outward religious involvement can

transform the heart; it is only in Christ that people become new creatures (2 Cor. 5:17).

**When God sent Samuel to locate and anoint the King from among the sons of Jesse that God Himself had chosen.**

**1 Samuel 16:6-7** When they arrived, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, That must be the LORD's anointed right in front. <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, "Have **no regard for his appearance** or stature, because I haven't selected him. God doesn't look at things like humans do. Humans see only what is visible to the eyes, but the LORD sees into the heart."

- **Don't Depend on a Works** Salvation which moves you away from God's Grace  
**Galatians 5:4** You who are **trying** to be **justified by the law** have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen **away from grace**.

The **Church** has succumb to this **False Teaching** throughout the centuries.

**Ephesians 2:8-9** You are saved by God's grace because of your faith. This **salvation is God's gift**. It's not something you possessed. <sup>9</sup> It's not something **you did** that you can be proud of.

**Have you ever accepted God's Free Gift of Salvation?      You can Today!**

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