

Bitterness

Eph. 4:31

I. Bitterness is always wrong

1. Even when you are right on an issue it is wrong to be bitter.
2. Sometimes people leave organizations and they are bitter! That is wrong.
3. Sometimes people leave Churches and they are bitter and that is wrong.
4. Sometimes people have personality clashes or disagree with someone and they are bitter. Wrong
5. Sometimes a recipient of bitterness becomes bitter. That's wrong.

II. Bitterness shows a backslidden condition

Romans 3:12-14 ¹²*“They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable, there is none that doeth good, no, not one. ¹³“Their throat is an open sepulcher; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: ¹⁴“Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness.”* Full is the Greek word γέμο – GEMO.

III. Emptiness of soul, plus bitterness often results in a religious binge! **Heb. 12:15** *Cult-isms* – admiration of personalities.

IV. Bitterness comes from a reaction in the soul. Repression, distress, boredom, self-pity, some type of frustration of the soul – bitterness is easily triggered. Bitterness can start some problem and then enlarge it.

V. **Isaiah 33:7**; **Ezek. 27:30** reveal frustration as a result of discipline. The people weep bitterly.

VI. Bitterness destroys love in marriage. **Col. 3:19**, *“Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.”*

Bitterness (Continued)

- VII. Bitterness is disastrous. People can be dead while they are living. [Job 21:25, 26](#) *“Another die-th in the bitterness of his soul, and never eate-th with pleasure. They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them.”*
- VIII. Bitterness initiates complaining. [Job 7:11](#) *“Therefore I will not refrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.”* [Job 10:1](#) *“My soul is weary of my life; I will leave my complaint upon myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.”*
- IX. Many times, there is bitterness in family relationships. [Prov. 17:25](#) *“A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him.”* PARENTS ARE TO TRAIN CHILDREN WHEN YOUNG! We are to teach and train children when they are little. When they are adults their life is strictly between them and the Lord.
- X. Bitterness makes life uncomfortable and unpleasant. [Job 9:17, 18](#) ¹⁷*“But he bruises me with a tempest and multiplies my wounds without cause. ¹⁸“He will not allow me to get my breath but saturates me with bitterness.”*