

# Prisoner of Bitterness

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- Have you ever known someone who was BITTER?
- WHAT MAKES A PERSON BITTER?  
Perceived Sin

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- *"Work at getting along with each other and with God. Otherwise you'll never get so much as a glimpse of God. Make sure no one gets left out of God's generosity. Keep a sharp eye out for weeds of bitter discontent. A thistle or two gone to seed can ruin a whole garden in no time."*  
Hebrews 12:14-15 (The Message)

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- **“Get rid of all bitterness....”**  
**Ephesians 4:31**

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## Emotions and Sin

- A human emotion that is always a sin:  
Bitterness!!

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## 6 Things Bitterness Will Do to Your Life:

1. Bitterness will devastate you spiritually.

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and self control."* Galatians 5:22 NIV

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***"Don't be misled: No one makes a fool of God. What a person plants, he will harvest. The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others—ignoring God!—harvests a crop of weeds. All he'll have to show for his life is weeds! But the one who plants in response to God, letting God's Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life."*** Galatians 6:7

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2. Bitterness will destroy you physically.
3. Discourage you emotionally.
4. Divide the fellowship.
5. Bitterness will defile your relationships.



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**6. Bitterness will deprive you of a blessing.**

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**The reality is that life is full of hurts!**

**“He said to his disciples, “Hard trials and temptations are bound to come, but too bad for whoever brings them on! Better to wear a millstone necklace and take a swim in the deep blue sea than give even one of these dear little ones a hard time” Luke 17:1 The Message**

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## How to know if You Are Bitter?

*"Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,'" says the Lord."* Romans 12:19

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*"It is mine to avenge; I will repay. In due time their foot will slip; their day of disaster is near and their doom rushes upon them." Dt 32:35*

*"God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you." 2 Thess 1:6*