

Sermon Title: "Some Things Are Not What They Seem"

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1, 15 (NIV)

INTRO: Too many Christians grow \_\_\_\_\_ (old) in Christ, without ever growing \_\_\_\_\_ (up) in Christ.

-Hebrews 12:1: This is the \_\_\_\_\_ (Obvious), our Exterior life

-Hebrews 12:15: This is the \_\_\_\_\_ (Obscure), our Interior life

#### FOUR STATEMENTS ABOUT OUR INTERIOR LIFE

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (Poison) Grows In The Dark
  - “bitter root”
  - secret sin
  - restitution
  - THE LIGHT
  - not just victory, but deliverance
2. The Damage \_\_\_\_\_ (Attaches) To Us Quickly
  - “bitter root grows up”
  - repent quickly
  - room for repentance even in the saved & sanctified life
  - two people cannot be in wrong relationship with each other & still be right with God
3. This Always Causes Great \_\_\_\_\_ (Trouble)
  - “bitter root grows up to cause trouble”
  - “trouble” in the Greek is a medical term
  - “the body, soul, and spirit are so interconnected they actually catch each other’s diseases”
  - many times we’re trying to treat symptoms, and we’re not dealing with the sin
4. This Is Highly \_\_\_\_\_ (Contagious)
  - “bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many”
  - sin not only affects you, it affects every relationship you have

CLOSE: These altars are a \_\_\_\_\_ (safe) place! You can tell the \_\_\_\_\_ (truth) here!