

**March Madness
Mad Taste of Bitterness
Discover Church
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“Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.” Hebrews 12:14-15

What does bitterness do to us?

- Bitterness is a hidden **destroyer**

An **invisible** root always yields a **visible** fruit

- Bitterness poisons **others**

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“defile” = stain, pollute, or contaminate.

How Do You Kill a Root of Bitterness?

- **Expose** the **object** of your bitterness.

“Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.” Ephesians 5:11

You cannot **heal** from what you are **unwilling** to **admit**

- Cancel their **debt**

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“You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.” Matthew 18:32-35

- Bless your **offender**

“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.” Luke 6:27-28

“Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” Ephesians 4:31-32

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Scripture: *Hebrews 12:14-15; Ephesians 5:11; Matthew 18:32-35; Luke 6:27-28; Ephesians 4:31-32*