Joy is in the Heart of Christmas - The Heart of Christmas Part 3 Pastor Dwight Dalton

Matthew 1:21 NIV

Joy - is not a feeling it is a knowledge

You can't have peace and joy if you have bitterness in your heart

Today's title: Joy is in the Heart of Christmas

Plant a seed of offense that creates a root of bitterness

You can't control what people do, But you can control how you respond.

BITTERNESS HAS A DANGEROUS ROOT.

Hebrews 12:15 NIV 1 Corinthians 13:4-5 NIV

BITTERNESS PRODUCES A POISONOUS FRUIT.

Hebrews 12:15 NIV

The next 3 points are on one slide please

- A bitter person can poison an event or ministry.
- A bitter person can make workplace miserable.
- A bitter person can divide a family.

Some of you are probably thinking—I hope so-n-so is listening!

HOW DO YOU KILL THE ROOT OF BITTERNESS?

Ephesians 4:31-32 NIV

Forgive them even if they're not sorry. Mic Drop

To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover the prisoner was you.

KILL BITTERNESS WITH COMPASSION.

Romans 12:21 NIV Luke 6:28 NIV

KILL BITTERNESS WITH FORGIVENESS.

Ephesians 4:31a-32 NIV Romans 12:18 NIV