

Overcoming the Problem of Bitterness

Numbers 12

What is bitterness?

1. A past _____
2. A present _____
3. A refusal to _____ - Ephesians 4:31-32

Why do we become bitter?

1. We focus on the _____ of others. Numbers 12:1
 - Bitterness is usually not _____, it is subtle.
 - Bitterness begins as a _____, then takes root and spreads like cancer.
2. We become _____ in our hearts. Numbers 12:2a;
cf. Proverbs 13:10
3. _____ overtakes us. Numbers 12:2b

Who is bitterness most likely to be directed towards?

1. Those to whom we have done or given the _____
2. Those in _____
3. Those who are in our _____ (spiritual family too) -
Colossians 3:18-21

What does bitterness lead to?

1. _____ – Numbers 12:4-5
2. God's displeasure – Numbers 12:6-11
3. Physical _____ – Numbers 12:10
4. Loss of _____ and isolation – Numbers 12:15a
5. Hindrance to your Christian _____ – Numbers 12:15b