

DANGER ZONE

BITTERNESS

3-1-15

- Often we enter into a dangerous place and we can tell by cones, fences and signs.
- Things are really dangerous when we don't know or acknowledge we're in a danger zone.

Hebrews 12:14-15 Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵ See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

1. WHERE DOES BITTERNESS COME FROM?

- HURTS AND PAINS THAT ARE _____ WITH PROPERLY.

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2. WHERE DOES BITTERNESS GROW?

- HURTS AND PAINS THAT ARE _____ IN YOUR HEART/EMOTIONS.

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Bitter means: (me-ah'-ee-no); stain, pollute or contaminate.

3. HOW DO BITTER PEOPLE THINK AND ACT?

- Become overly _____.
- _____ their bitterness.
- Secretly _____ misfortunes.
- Struggle to see bitterness in the _____.

4. WHAT KIND OF DAMAGE WILL IT CAUSE?

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- _____ DAMAGE
- _____ DAMAGE
- _____ DAMAGE

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5. WHAT KIND OF BY-PRODUCTS WILL THIS DANGEROUS FRUIT PRODUCE?

Ephesians 4:26 "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold. . . .³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

- RAGE
- ANGER
- BRAWLING AND SLANDER
- MALICE

6. HOW DO I KILL THE ROOT?

- LET GOD _____ IT.

Psalm 139:23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

- LET GRACE _____ IT.

Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. **Ephesians 5:1-2** Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

- LET GOOD _____ IT.

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7. WHAT IF I HAVE SOMEONE IN MY LIFE THAT IS BITTER? WHAT CAN I DO?

- PRAY FOR _____.
- SET UP _____ FOR PROTECTION.

PERSONAL PRAYER:

“God, I admit that I’ve allowed a root of bitterness to grow against _____ . Please forgive me of this sin. By your power, give me a heart of compassion and forgiveness toward this person. I pray you would restore my wounded relationship(s). In Jesus’ name, Amen.