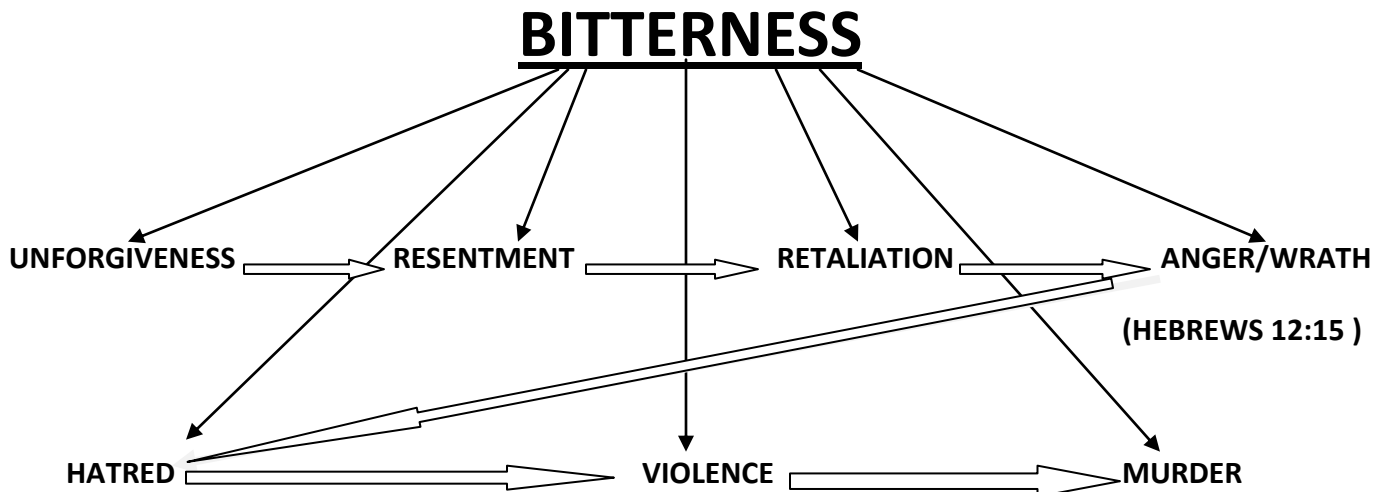


Bitterness

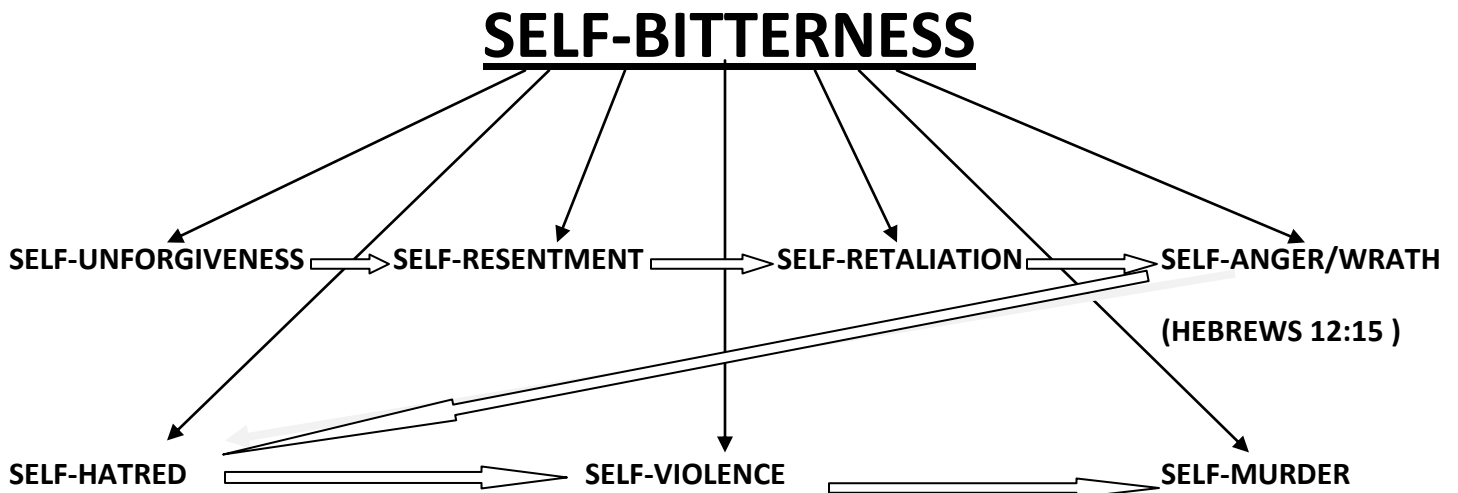
Notes from Bill Conklin's DVD

EXPOSING THE ROOT OF BITTERNESS AND SELF-BITTERNESS

BITTERNESS IS A PRINCIPALITY THAT STANDS ON SEVEN LEGS THAT HAVE A DIRECT RELATIONSHIP TO EACH OTHER AND WHEN ONE OF THESE LEGS ARE IN PLACE, THEN BITTERNESS HAS A RIGHT (OPEN DOOR) TO BE PRESENT OVER OUR LIVES.



Hebrews 12:15 (KJV) Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble *you*, and thereby many be defiled;



SOME DISEASES THAT CAN COME OUT OF THE ROOT OF BITTERNESS ARE:

- STROKES COME OUT OF THE ROOT OF SELF-BITTERNESS, SELF HATRED, AND SELF-REJECTION.
- ANEURISMS, VARICOSE VEINS, HEMORRHOIDS, AND THROMBOPHLEBITIS (VEIN INFLAMMATION), ARE OUT OF ANGER, RAGE, AND RESENTMENT.
- COLON CANCER IS DEEPLY ROOTED IN BITTERNESS AND SLANDER WITH THE TONGUE.
 - HENRY WRIGHT SAYS “A LOT OF STRANGE THINGS HAPPEN BETWEEN OUR LIPS AND OUR COLON AND OUR EXCRETORY SYSTEM (ANUS).
 - PAGE 136 A More Excellent Way,
 “ If we are verbally abusive to enough people, it comes back to us...it may have come from past generations because it is clear that it can be inherited.”
 ”Looking at the history of unresolved conflict in families may be the open door; where unresolved bitterness, antagonism and words of frustration and anger have occurred, it may cause damage to successive generations.”
- BREAST CANCER IS ROOTED IN UNRESOLVED BITTERNESS, ANTAGONISM, AND CONFLICT BETWEEN TWO FEMALES.
 - RIGHT BREAST CANCER - UNRESOLVED BITTERNESS TOWARD A MOTHER-IN-LAW OR SISTER-IN-LAW (A WOMEN THAT IS NOT A BIOLOGICAL FAMILY MEMBER)
 - LEFT BREAST CANCER-UNRESOLVED BITTERNESS TOWARD A MOTHER OR SISTER (A WOMAN WHO IS A BIOLOGICAL FAMILY MEMBER)

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- MARAR USED AS A DEMON, BITTER: MOVED WITH CHOLER; BE GRIEVED/PROVOKED.
- MARAR USED AS BITTERNESS, ANGRY, CHAFED DISCONTENTED, ACIDITY, POISON.

A story at the end after Hezekiah had been given another fifteen years to live:

(PARAPHRASE) Isaiah 38:15-17 ¹⁵ “I will go softly all the years to come-I will remember the distress and bitterness of my sickness and sorrows and I will allow the remembrance to make me serious and full of gratitude. ¹⁶ By these promises of God and their fulfillment do men live. I am alive by virtue of these things that have been given me. ¹⁷ Instead of peace, ***I had bitterness until you O Lord loved me and delivered me from death.*** You ceased to punish me for my sins; they are now forgiven and put behind your back.”

Isaiah 38:15-16 (KJV) What shall I say? he hath both spoken unto me, and himself hath done *it*: I shall go softly all my years in the bitterness of my soul. ¹⁶ O Lord, by these *things men* live, and in all these *things is* the life of my spirit: so wilt thou recover me, and make me to live. ¹⁷ Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul *delivered it* from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

A STORY ABOUT BITTERNESS

ONE OF THE GREATEST STORIES IN THE BIBLE IS IN THE BOOK OF RUTH. IT IS A STORY OF BITTERNESS. IT IS ABOUT NAOMI AND HER BITTERNESS. SHE EVEN CALLED HERSELF BITTERNESS. THIS WAS A TIME OF FAMINE. IT WAS CERTAINLY NOT THE TIME FOR RUTH AND NAOMI TO LEAVE ISRAEL AND GO INTO MOAB WHICH WAS CONSIDERED A CURSED PLACE.

LET'S FOLLOW THE STORY;

- **IN Ruth 1:2 (KJV)** And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehemjudah. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there.
 - ELIMELECH AND NAOMI WITH THEIR TWO SONS, MAHLON (SICK) AND CHILION (CONSUMPTION), LEFT BETHLEHEM-JUDAH (THE HOUSE OF BREAD AND THE PLACE OF PRAISE) AND WENT TO MOAB (A CURSED PLACE).
 - IN OUR OWN LIVES, LET'S NOT CHOOSE TO LEAVE GOD'S PLACE OF BLESSINGS. THEREFORE BY DOING SO, TAKING OURSELVES INTO A PLACE OF FAMINE.
 - THEIR TWO SONS WERE NAMED SICK AND CONSUMPTION. IF THEY WERE ALREADY SICKLY, BY TAKING THEM OUT OF GOD'S BLESSINGS IN JUDAH FROM BETHLEHEM, THEY WERE ASKING FOR TROUBLE.


- **IN Ruth 1:3-4 (KJV)** And Elimelech Naomi's husband died; and she was left, and her two sons. ⁴And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten years.
 - ELIMELECH ENDED UP DYING AND THE TWO SONS ENDED UP MARRYING MOABITE WOMEN, WHICH WAS FORBIDDEN BY THE LAW.
 - ℞ (REFER TO **Deuteronomy 7:3 (KJV)** Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.
 - ℞ **Deuteronomy 23:3 (KJV)** An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the congregation of the LORD for ever:)

- **IN Ruth 1:5 (KJV)** And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons and her husband.
 - THE SONS DIED, IN THAT CURSED PLACE, AFTER TEN YEARS.
 - ℞ MAKES YOU WANDER - HERE THEY MARRIED MOABITE WOMEN WHICH WAS FORBIDDEN AND DIE WITHIN TEN YEARS?
 - ℞ YOU HAVE TO STAY ENJOINED WITH GOD'S COMMANDMENTS, WITH HIS WAYS, NOT OUR WAYS, NOT THE WAYS OF THE FLESH, NOT "THE WAY WE WANT TO DO THINGS"

- **IN Ruth 1:6-7 (KJV)** Then she arose with her daughters in law, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how that the LORD had visited his people in giving them bread. ⁷ Wherefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters in law with her; and they went on the way to return unto the land of Judah.
 - WHEN NAOMI HEARD THE FAMINE WAS OVER IN BETHLEHEM, IN JUDAH, SHE MADE A DECISION TO RETURN TO THE HOUSE OF BREAD AND THE PLACE OF PRAISE.
 - ANYTIME WE COME BACK TO GOD, INTO THE PLACE OF PRAISE, GOD CAN CREATE A NEW BEGINNING FOR US BECAUSE WE ARE THEN IN HIS BLESSED PLACE, UNDER HIS FEATHERS.
 - ✞ REMEMBER IN PSALMS 91, "UNDER HIS WINGS WE FIND REFUGE. HIS FAITHFULNESS IS OUR SHIELD AND OUR RAMPART."

- AS NAOMI PREPARED TO LEAVE HER TWO DAUGHTERS IN LAW WANTED TO GO WITH HER. NAOMI NEVER LOST HER FAITH IN THE LIVING GOD IN ISRAEL, BUT SHE HAD BECOME VERY BITTER.
 - ✞ LISTEN TO HOW SHE SPEAKS. HER CONCEPT OF GOD HAD BEEN AFFECTED BY HER BITTERNESS.

- **IN Ruth 1:13c (KJV)** ... for it grieveth me much for your sakes that the hand of the LORD is gone out against me.
 - SHE BLAMED AND ACCUSED GOD AND ***FAILED TO ASSESS THE FAULT TO HER TWO SONS*** WHO DISOBEYED GOD AND MARRIED WOMEN OF A FOREIGN LAND WHO HAD THEIR OWN IDOLS.



UNFORGIVENESS!

WHAT IF!

NAOMI HAD SAID, "O LORD PLEASE FORGIVE ME AND PLEASE FORGIVE MY SONS IN OUR DISOBEDIENCE. I AM REPENTANT. I ASK FOR FORGIVENESS." THEN GOD WOULD HAVE RESTORED HER AND HER THOUGHTS, FEELINGS AND BEHAVIOR (SPEECH), WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN BLAMING AND ACCUSING GOD.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

("THE BIRD CURSE" OR "OPEN DOOR", PROVERBS 26:2) WHEN WE DISOBEY GOD'S WORD WE ALLOW SIN TO COME INTO OUR LIVES AND AN OPEN DOOR FOR AN EVIL INFLUENCE TO COME IN AND SPEAK TO OUR MINDS, WILL, AND EMOTIONS. IT IS NOT GOD WHO IS AGAINST US. OFTEN IT IS OURSELVES. WE CHOOSE TO SEPARATE OURSELVES FROM GOD'S LOVE, FROM OUR LOVE FOR OURSELVES, OR OUR LOVE FOR ANOTHER PERSON. AND IN THAT PROCESS OF SEPARATION, IT BRINGS A HARVEST OF AFFLICTION, OR DISEASE, OR HEARTACHE UPON US. IT IS GOOD TO KNOW THE WORD OF GOD. FOR THEN WE WILL KNOW WHAT HE WANTS US TO DO AND THEN THE REVERSE OF THE CURSE WILL COME UPON US.

THE REVERSE OF THE CURSE IS THE BLESSING.

- RUTH'S TRUE WORDS ABSOLUTELY REVERSED THE CURSE IN HER LIFE AND TURNED HER SITUATION AROUND.
- IN **Ruth 1:16-17 (KJV)** And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, *or* to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people *shall be* my people, and thy God my God: ¹⁷ Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, *if ought* but death part thee and me.
 - THIS IS THE THEME OF THE BOOK OF RUTH. RUTH'S OUTBREAK OF EMOTION AND HER CONSECRATION TO JEHOVAH AND HER LIFE IN ISRAEL ASSURED NAOMI OF HER SERIOUS INTENTION AND ABILITY TO ADJUST HERSELF IN A STRANGE LAND AMONG STRANGE PEOPLE.
- IN **Ruth 1:20 (KJV)** And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.
 - WHEN NAOMI RETURNED TO BETHLEHEM, SHE AGAIN RECALLED HER BITTERNESS AND HER PAST WOUNDS AND SHE RESPONDED, "CALL ME NOT NAOMI, CALL ME MARAR: FOR THE ALMIGHTY HATH DEALT VERY BITTERLY WITH ME."
 - REMEMBER THE STRONG'S DEFINITION OF MARAR
 - THIS IS THE SECOND TIME SHE ACCUSE GOD OF SINGLING HER OUT TO MAKE HER LIFE BITTER AND MISERABLE

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 - ALTHOUGH SHE DID RECOGNIZE GOD AS EI SHADDAI, THE GOD OF MORE THAN ENOUGH, SHE WAS STILL INFLUENCED BY BITTERNESS.
 - EVEN THOUGH SHE HAD CAME OUT OF THE CURSED PLACE INTO THE BLESSED PLACE, SHE STILL HAD BITTERNESS IN HER MEMORY.
 - 🔖 BELIEVERS OFTEN BLAME GOD FOR SUFFERING AND PAIN THAT WE BRING UPON OURSELVES BY OUR OWN CHOICES. NOT NECESSARILY PERSONAL SIN BUT GENERAL THINGS LIKE AGREEING WITH EVIL ETC.
 - 🔖 THIS TELLS US THAT WE NEED TO HAVE OUR MIND RENEWED BY THE WORD OF GOD, WITH THE LOVE OF GOD, THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
- GOD IN HIS MERCY AND HIS GRACE AND HIS LOVE FOR HER, LIKE HE HAS FOR ALL OF HIS CHILDREN, DELIVERED HER. SET HER FREE. MADE HER WHOLE.
- Side Bar: One of the worse slanders against God by believers is that of blaming or accusing God for all the human sorrow and failure which we bring upon ourselves by our own choices. This may not be due to personal sins in each case but general sins such as agreeing with evil. It could also be generational sins. Unbelief of God's entire word and just picking and choosing what is agreeable to us.

FIVE UNFOUNDED ACCUSATIONS AGAINST GOD IN RUTH

1. THE HAND OF THE LORD GOD IS AGAINST ME. (VS 13)
2. THE ALMIGHTY HAS DEALT VERY BITTERLY WITH ME. (VS 20)
3. I WENT OUT FULL (WITH PLENTY), BUT THE LORD HAS BROUGHT ME HOME AGAIN EMPTY. (VS 21)
 - a. **Ruth 1:21 (KJV)** I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home again empty: why *then* call ye me Naomi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?
 - b. She went out full from the land of blessings, Judah, and went into the Moabite land which was cursed. Of course she was going to come back empty. There are no blessings found in Moab.
4. THE LORD HAS TESTIFIED AGAINST ME. (VS 21)
5. THE ALMIGHTY HAS AFFLICTED ME. (VS 21) (WITH POVERTY, STRICKEN ME WITH DISEASE)

Learning from Ruth:

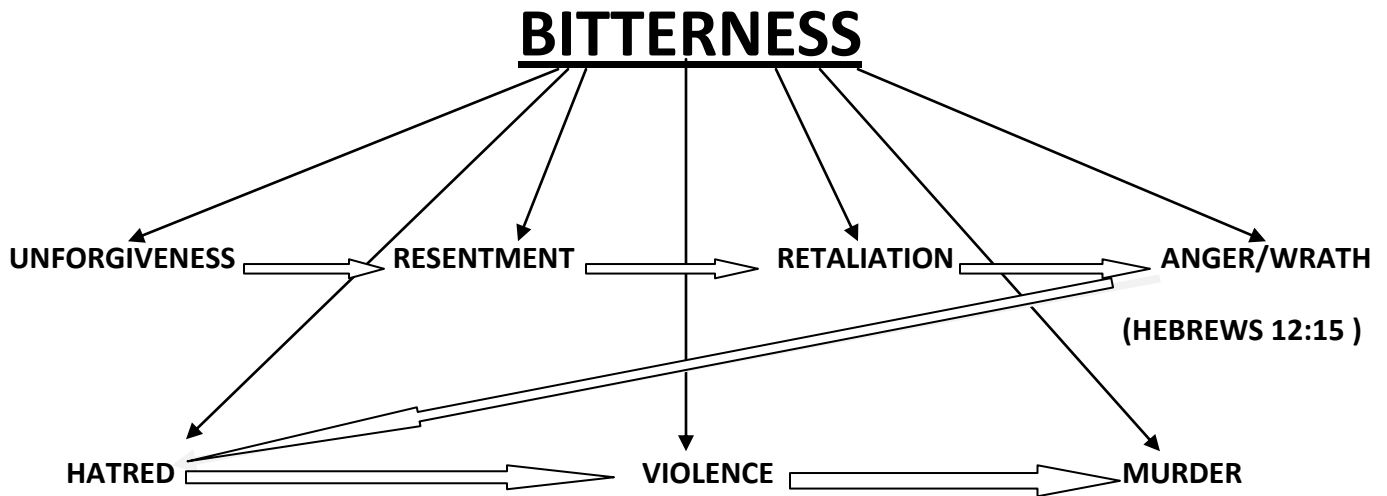
- WE NEED TO LEARN FROM THE BOOK OF RUTH HOW WE NEED TO STAY AWAY FROM ACCUSATION, BLAME AND BITTERNESS.
- NAOMI WAS TALKING AS IF SHE HAD DIED. BUT LOOK WHAT GOD WAS DOING IN HER LIFE. HE WAS BRINGING HER RESTORATION, BRINGING HER RESURRECTION LIFE, AND LEADING HER BACK TO THE LAND OF BLESSING.
- EL SHADDAI IS THE GOD OF RESTORATION AND RESURRECTION. HE IS THE GOD OF MIRACLES THAT WILL CHANGE THINGS IN THE NATURAL.
- OUT OF THE LINE OF NAOMI AND BOAZ, JESUS CHRIST WAS BORN. PRAISE GOD !

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

IF YOU ARE FEELING AT SOME TIME IN YOUR LIFE WHEN SOME INFLUENCE OF BITTERNESS IS LEADING YOU TO ACCUSE GOD OR BLAME GOD FOR THIS OR FOR THAT, GO BACK AND READ THE BOOK OF RUTH.

SAY "HOLY SPIRIT SHOW ME, LEAD ME INTO THE TRUTH OF WHY I HAVE THESE FEELINGS, SO I CAN TRULY SEE GOD AS LOVING FATHER, OR MAYBE EVEN SEE WHERE I HAVE FAILED OR OPENED A DOOR OF UNFORGIVENESS, RESENTMENT, RETALIATION, ANGER, HATRED, VIOLENCE, OR MURDER.

**BITTERNESS IS OFTEN LODGED IN OUR MEMORY AND IT STANDS ON SEVEN LEGS,
EACH PROGRESSIVELY LEADING TO THE NEXT:**



Hebrews 12:15 (AMP) Exercise foresight *and* be on the watch to look [after one another], to see that no one falls back from *and* fails to secure God's grace (His unmerited favor and spiritual blessing), in order that no root of resentment (rancor, bitterness, or hatred) shoots forth and causes trouble *and* bitter torment, and the many become contaminated *and* defiled by it—

BITTERNESS LIKES TO GRAB HANDS WITH AN UNLOVING SPIRIT

BITTERNESS LIKES TO GRAB HANDS WITH AN UNLOVING SPIRIT AND SAY "SELF-BITTERNESS COME ON OVER HERE, I NEED SOME HELP. I GOT TO INFLUENCE THIS PERSON".

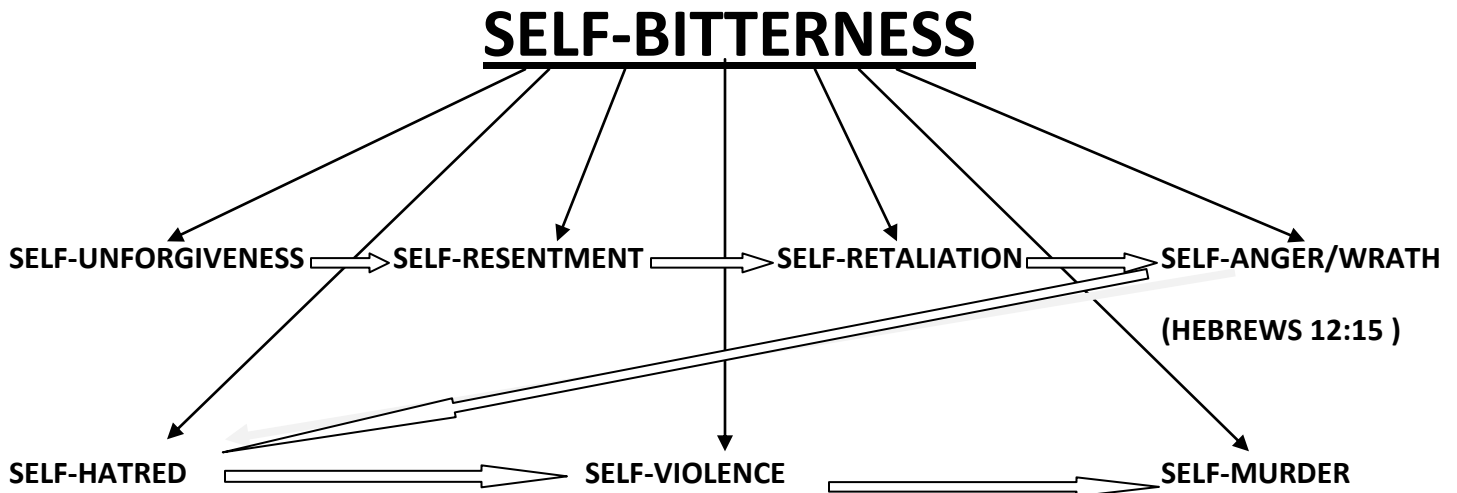
John 10:10 (KJV) The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

(BITTERNESS TALKING): "I CAN'T REALLY DESTROY THIS PERSONS LIFE THROUGH BITTERNESS, BUT IF I CAN GRAB A HOLD WITH AN UNLOVING SPIRIT, I THINK I CAN GET HIM INTO SELF-UNFORGIVENESS. I THINK I CAN GET HIM TO BELIEVE THAT GOD WOULD NEVER FORGIVE HIM FOR ALL THE THINGS THAT HE'S DONE IN HIS LIFE. AND I'LL LEAD HIM INTO SELF-UNFORGIVENESS. HE'LL NEVER FORGIVE HIMSELF. HE'LL RESENT HIMSELF AND RETALIATE AGAINST HIMSELF."

THIS IS WHERE WE SAY "NO, I DON'T WANT TO GO THERE."

- WE ARE GETTING KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT A SELF-BITTERNESS PRINCIPALITY IS AND WE WANT TO STAY AWAY FROM ANY THOUGHT GOING TOWARD THE UNLOVING KINGDOM.
- ONCE WE GET INTO THE SELF-BITTERNESS, THEN WE ARE IN THE UNLOVING SPIRIT KINGDOM, AND BITTERNESS SAYS, "I DON'T CARE HOW I TAKE HIM OUT. IF I CAN'T GET HIM WITH BITTERNESS, THAN I'M GOING TO TRY AND TAKE HIM OUT WITH SELF-BITTERNESS, WHICH WILL LEAD HIM RIGHT INTO AN UNLOVING SPIRIT AND HE'LL NEVER LOVE ANYBODY. HE'LL BE STUCK ON HIMSELF WITH NOTHING TO GIVE."
- THE QUALITIES AND THE LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST CAN'T SPRING FORTH FROM A LIFE FILLED WITH A WELL OF BITTERNESS, ANGER, AND SELF-PITY.

- WHERE IS THE PRAISE, THE WORSHIP, THE: “ OH GOD, I’M ALIVE TODAY, I CAN WORSHIP YOU TODAY, THOUGH STORMS ARE RAGING ROUND ABOUT ME, I CAN CHOOSE, FOR I HAVE BREATH, I CAN CHOOSE TO PRAISE YOU. FOR YOU HAVE SET ME IN A GOOD SOLID PLACE.”
- GET YOUR EYES OFF YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WOULD LEAD YOU INTO BITTERNESS AND SELF-BITTERNESS AND INTO THE UNLOVING KINGDOM AND GET INTO PRAISE.
- TAKE ON A SPIRIT OF JOY AND HAPPINESS AND TAKE OFF THAT GARMENT OF DEPRESSION AND HEAVINESS.



Back to the Story of Ruth:

- **Ruth 4:14 (KJV)** And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed *be* the LORD, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel.
 - A JOYFUL ENDING TO THE STORY OF NAOMI WHO HAD ACCUSED GOD OF TAKING HER LOVED ONES AND MAKING HER POVERTY STRICKEN AND HOPELESS IN LIFE. AND BOAZ BECAME A RESTORER OF HER LIFE.
- SHE WAS NOURISHED AND TAKEN CARE OF. THE LOVE THAT RUTH AND BOAZ GAVE HER WAS BETTER THAN SEVEN SONS WHO WOULD HAVE MARRIED AND SCATTERED TO DIFFERENT PLACES AWAY FROM HER. RUTH CLEAVED TO HER IN GREAT AFFECTION WHERE SONS MAY NOT HAVE DONE SO.
- **Ruth 4:17 (KJV)** And the women her neighbours gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed: he *is* the father of Jesse, the father of David
 - AN AWESOME STORY OF RESTORATION AND GODS FAITHFULNESS TO YOU AND TO ME.

FOUR CONTEXTS TO BITTERNESS IN SCRIPTURE

1. A CONDITION OF EXTREME WICKEDNESS

Acts 8:23 (KJV) For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and *in* the bond of iniquity.

℞ SIMON WAS ASKING TO PURCHASE THE HOLY SPIRIT AND PETER WAS TELLING HIM TO REPENT OF THIS WICKEDNESS SO GOD WOULD FORGIVE THE THOUGHT COMING OUT OF HIS HEART.

2. EVIL SPEAKING AND CURSING

Romans 3:13-14 (KJV) ¹³ Their throat *is* an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps *is* under their lips: ¹⁴ Whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness:

℞ BY MALICIOUS AND CUTTING WORDS THEY KILL AND BURY THE REPUTATION OF MEN AND WOMEN. AS A TOMB IS OPENED AND THE STENCH OF PURIFICATION, SO THERE WORDS COME FORTH POISON.

℞ CONSIDER WHAT KIND OF SEEDS ARE WE SEWING WITH OUR WORDS. ARE THEY ENCOURAGING AND ACCEPTING? ARE THEY FULL OF LOVE AND NURTURE? ARE THEY FULL OF DECEIT AND POISON?

3. INTENSE OR SEVERE HATRED

Ephesians 4:30-31 (KJV) ³⁰ And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

Ephesians 4:26 (KJV) Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

℞ THERE CAN BE A BASIS FOR ANGER, BUT LET'S NOT SIN THOUGH WE BECOME ANGRY. MAKE IT BE RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION FOLLOWED WITH PRAYER.

℞ DO SOMETHING PROACTIVE WHEN YOU SEE A WRONG.

℞ DON'T YIELD TO SATAN'S PROVOKING YOU TO ANGER AND TO SIN. ANGER IS NOT THE SIN IT IS WHAT YOU DO WITH THE ANGER THAT IS WRONG.

4. A ROOT THAT BEARS BITTER FRUIT

Hebrews 12:14-16 (KJV) ¹⁴ Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: ¹⁵ Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble *you*, and thereby many be defiled; ¹⁶ Lest there *be* any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

"QUOTES"

"REVENGE MAY BE A DEATH WISH; GRUDGES-THEY AREN'T CHEAP WHEN WE CARRY ONE, WE PAY THE PRICE IN TIME." BY MORT CRIM-DETROIT FREE PRESS.

"NEGATIVE EMOTIONS SUCH AS FEAR, SORROW, ENVY, RESENTMENT, AND HATRED ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAJORITY OF OUR ILLNESSES." DR. EARL MCMILLAN, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT BETWEEN 60% TO 100% OF THE NEGATIVE EMOTIONS THAT WE HOLD ONTO DO NOT HURT THE PERSONS THAT THEY ARE DIRECTED AT, THEY ONLY HURT THEN PERSON WHO HANGS ON TO THEM.

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Something to think about:

People who study grizzly bears at Yellow Stone National Park say that the only animal that the Grizzly will share its food with is the skunk. It is not because the grizzly has to for with one swing of its powerful paw a grizzly could easily squash a skunk. So why does he permit the skunk to eat with him? Probably because the grizzly knows the high cost of getting even!!!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

The best way to clear up an ailment could be to give up a resentment.
We might have to choose between getting even and getting well.

- I. The first underling supporting the principality of bitterness is unforgiveness.
 - A. We should be preparing our hearts everyday to be very forgiving.
 1. If you ever have anger over what people are doing to you or around you or you find it hard to forgive, you should wonder why you are hanging onto that when you know that God said in Psalms 37 such awesome words over us.
 - a) Psalms 37:1-10 (KJV) Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. ²For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. ³Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. ⁴Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. ⁵Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. ⁶And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday. ⁷Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. ⁸Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. ⁹For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. ¹⁰For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.
 2. So our almighty, God of covenant, God of loving kindness is looking far beyond a few years, far beyond the here and now, and is looking toward eternity. He is so merciful, so loving, he actually loves those who don't even follow him. Why? Because all of God's creation is made in his image and likeness.
 - a) *He gives rain to the fields of those who hate Him.*

- b) *He gives food to those who despise Him.*
 - c) *He gives blessings to those that live in obedience to His word even if they don't follow him.*
 - d) *Because God is love.*
 - e) *Don't you think that if God loves them in their selfish ways, that we should also forgive them and bless them and pray for them? Of course. It is scriptural.*
 - f) *When we were the enemies of the Lord Jesus Christ, He still died for us.*
- (1) It is one thing to die for a friend or a buddy who is out there drowning in the lake and you dive in at the risk of your own death.
 - (2) But would you jump into the lake for someone who is drowning who has ridiculed you, reviled you, persecuted you, and said ugly things about you all of your life?
 - (3) That is what Jesus Christ did, and what we who has the love of Jesus Christ in us, would do.

We need to. It is a reminder to each of us that we need to be loving of all of our brothers and sisters, all mankind, not just those who treat us good.

Assignment:

Make a list of every person that you need to forgive. All the way back to your childhood, as far back as you can remember. Include those that you need to apologize to - sincerely ask for forgiveness!

Then do it!"

SAY "Lord they did this. They did this to me. It's so hurtful. But lord in my flesh, I don't want to, but it says in your word that I have to, so I choose to forgive_____ for _____"

3. Because forgiveness cuts the ties of those chains, that bind us.

a) *Imagine that I have a spirit of bitterness over me.*

(1) There are seven chains on my body unseen to the eye (the seven legs that bitterness stands on).

(2) When I choose to forgive it is like these big chain cutters cut one of the chains.

(3) Then I ask forgiveness for resentment, and another chain is broken.

(4) One by one each chain is broken as I seek forgiveness and choose to forgive.

Bill Conklin says, if we do not do this and we stay in our stubbornness then: "Have a good day with your sickness. Have a good day with your illness. Have a good day with your torment." "But that is not a more excellent way."

Luke 23:33-34 (KJV) And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. ³⁴ Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

Ephesians 4:32 (KJV) And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Matthew 6:14-15 (KJV) ¹⁴ For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: ¹⁵ But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

"Healing, deliverance and forgiveness all go hand in hand."

If you are having a hard time with forgiveness, read and reread these scriptures.

Matthew 9:5 (KJV) For whether is easier, to say, *Thy* sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?

Matthew 13:15 (KJV) For this people's heart is waxed gross, and *their* ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and should understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

Acts 28:27 (KJV) For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

Acts 3:16 (KJV) And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

Acts 4:12 (KJV) Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

II. The second leg that bitterness stands on in our life is resentment, defined as displeasure, indignation –sense of being injured or offended.

A. Resentment follows unforgiveness when unforgiveness is allowed to fester.

B. An illustration is given in Matthew 20:21-24 (KJV) ²¹ And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. ²² But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able. ²³ And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father. ²⁴ And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren.

1. The mother of Zebedee's children came and ask Jesus if her two sons could set on his right and left hand in his kingdom. Jesus answered by telling her that it would be given to them for whom it is prepared by my father. When the apostles heard it they were moved with indignation against the two brethren. Jesus called them and said, "hey, you know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them and they that are great exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you."

2. Matthew 20:26-27 (KJV) ²⁶ But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; ²⁷ And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:

C. Both ministers and servants of the Lord often refer to the lowest secular and ecclesiastical office among Christians.

1. No minister has the right to be a lord over Gods people

2. 1 Peter 5:1-9 (KJV) ¹The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: ² Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight *thereof*, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; ³ Neither as being lords over *God's* heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. ⁵ Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all *of you* be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. ⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: ⁷ Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. ⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: ⁹ Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

3. Mark 9:35 (KJV) And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, *the same* shall be last of all, and servant of all.

4. The pastor should be the least of all and the servant of all
- a) *If they are not : it could be pride, spiritual pride, envy, jealousy*
 - b) Bill exhorts the pastors, "you have truly been planted as the head of the church, I encourage you. Be a servant to your people. Build them up. Lift them up. Encourage them to be a prayer leader, to commence the services in prayer, not of a written text to recite, but out of the training and the life that you have breathed into them. Encourage your people to rise up and surpass you for the kingdom of God. For the glory of God. Don't keep them under your thumb. Be a servant. Be the least.
 - c) Acts 5:16-18 (KJV) ¹⁶There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one. ¹⁷Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation, ¹⁸And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison.
 - d) Luke 13:14 (KJV) And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.
 - e) Here we see religious leaders who became indignant over people doing God's work.

Side note:

Hypocrisy will cause:

- 1) Shame and sin (Ezra 9:6)
 - a. **Ezra 9:6 (KJV)** And said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over *our* head, and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens.
- 2) Backsliding (Jer. 17:13)
 - a. **Jeremiah 17:13 (KJV)** O LORD, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, *and* they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters.
- 3) Fear of man (Matthew. 8:34)
 - a. **Matthew 8:34 (KJV)** And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus: and when they saw him, they besought *him* that he would depart out of their coasts.
- 4) Selfishness (Lk. 14:9)

- a. **Luke 14:9 (KJV)** And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room.
- 5) Wrongdoing (Romans 6:21)
 - a. **Romans 6:21 (KJV)** What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things *is* death.

What never makes us ashamed:

- 1) Innocence (Gen.2:25)
 - a. **Genesis 2:25 (KJV)** And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.
- 2) Trust in God (Psalms 25:2)
 - a. **Psalms 25:2 (KJV)** O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.
- 3) Hope (Romans 5:5)
 - a. **Romans 5:5 (KJV)** And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.
- 4) God's Word (Romans 1:16)
 - a. **Romans 1:16 (KJV)** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.
- 5) Faith (Romans 9:33; 10:11)
 - a. **Romans 9:33 (KJV)** As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumbling stone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.
 - Romans 10:11 (KJV)** For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.
- 6) Self improvement (2 Tim. 2:15)
 - a. **2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)** Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
- 7) Righteousness (Psalms 119:6)
 - a. **Psalms 119:6 (KJV)** Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

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III. The third leg that bitterness stands on is retaliation, defined as to return like to like; take revenge

- a. Start with a story for illustration:
 - i. A little girl is telling her father that a man in a red car stopped her and threatened her and it scared her. The father in his anger, (unforgiveness, resentment & retaliation) drove and looked all over the neighborhood looking for a man driving a red car. A few blocks away, he found such a man and retaliated against him, fought with him and

ended up shooting & killing him. Later that same evening a man in a red car told the police that he had stopped his car and talked to a little girl & her friends and told them not to use hand and finger gestures towards those passing by.

- ii. The spirit that was in that father drove him into retaliation and beyond very quickly. He had unforgiveness, resentment, retaliation which immediately took him into anger, hatred, violence & murder within moments of time.

- b. **Romans 12:17-21 (KJV)** Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. ¹⁸If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. ¹⁹Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. ²⁰Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. ²¹Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

IV. The fourth leg that bitterness stands on is anger / wrath and begins with strong feelings and is defined as "hostility toward another."

- a. Wrath takes us a step forward where we express our anger with vindictive words in rage. It serves to inflict punishment on another.
- b. Anger, wrath and rage are often associated with envy & jealousy.
- c. You may not recognize bitterness when it is simply unforgiveness or resentment, it can even remain hidden with retaliation, but once anger is present it manifests & presents itself.
- d. At this point the bitter personality is revealed and from then on it is usually obvious.
- e. The principality of bitterness calls in its buddies, so to speak, to hold it in place and to gain stronghold in your life.
- f. This can be a generational issue, recognizing this can assist us in separating the person from the actions of the principality.
- g. **James 1:18-21 (KJV)** Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. ¹⁹Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: ²⁰For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. ²¹Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.
 - i. Word of truth is what empowers us to be a new creation.
 - ii. We are to be slow to speak and slow to wrath.
 - iii. Wrath of men does not produce righteousness.
- h. We are not to allow the sun to go down on our anger. This does not bring righteousness and thus brings the opposite which is sin. We must put anger away! We need to take responsibility when we cross into anger and step up and own our actions and apologize to those we hurt. Help them understand it was your actions and responsibility that was not appropriate and do not allow them to continue in rejection etc. Take responsibility for the things we sometimes

allow to come out of our mouth or the nasty looks we give. If you do this enough, soon you will be sick & tired of having to say you are sorry and you will curtail the behavior.

- i. Learn to forgive and ask for forgiveness quickly. Do it for the sake of those you love. Choose to build up the self image of those you love instead of allowing the enemy to work through you and tear their self-image down. Thus transferring the principality of bitterness to others.

V. The fifth leg that the principality of bitterness stands upon is hatred. Hatred is defined as "to feel hostility or animosity toward another or to feel dislike or detest another.

- a. **Titus 3:2-5 (KJV)** To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, *but* gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men. ³ For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, *and* hating one another. ⁴ But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, ⁵ Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

- i. Recognize that all have sinned, I have sinned, and God forgave me - so in honor of mercy in my life let me offer mercy to another.

- b. Meekness can be defined as a true submission to God Almighty; it is that submissive spirit that is free from rebellion and free from pride. It is total deliverance from the self-life. It is love at its best. It is love that is truly unconditional in its most refined state.

- c. Meekness is not weakness. It is full submission to God. it says "all of thee & none of me"

- d. **1 Peter 3:4 (KJV)** But *let it be* the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, *even the ornament* of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

- i. meek and quiet spirit does not provoke others and is not provoked by others.

- e. Meekness means "Controlled strength - you are strong and you know when to use it."

- f. **Psalms 37:11 (KJV)** But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

- g. **Psalms 25:9 (KJV)** The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

- h. **Psalms 149:4 (KJV)** For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.

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- i. The best example is Jesus. He is the lion of Judah who acted like a lamb for each of us and in humility submitted to a cruel beating and death for our sins. Meekness is Jesus.

- i. The lamb is the only animal at the slaughter house who presents itself for death without fight.

- ii. We should take the lead of Christ and present ourselves in meekness to those who reprove us and speak against us.
- VI. The sixth leg that the principality of bitterness stands upon is violence. Violence is defined as physical force exerted to cause damage, abuse or injury; in action speech or behavior.
 - a. Do not think of violence at the extreme of what we see so often in media. But think of it at the simplest form, violence that is perpetuated by the tongue, through our spoken word. Or that given out by our looks, our mannerisms & our behaviors that we communicate very well within a family and to those we love.
- VII. The seventh leg that the principality of bitterness stands upon is murder. Murder even by the tongue or in the heart.
 - a. This is the ultimate goal of bitterness to take us to this point.
 - b. Christians do not like to think that they are ever guilty of murder but it is possible to murder someone through words and in the heart.
 - c. **John 8:42-44 (KJV)** Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. ⁴³ Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot hear my word. ⁴⁴ Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.
 - d. **Matthew 18:23-35 (KJV)** Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. ²⁴ And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. ²⁷ Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took *him* by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. ²⁹ And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. ³⁰ And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. ³¹ So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. ³² Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: ³³ Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? ³⁴ And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. ³⁵ So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses
 - i. We have been forgiven of much we should have no problem forgiving another of little. If not we could be judged by the master and delivered to the tormentors.
 - ii. If we are walking in unforgiveness then we are in torment.

- e. Bitterness often times will lead us into envy and rejection. Either rejection of others or self. It can lead us into an unloving spirit. It keeps us in bondage to fear, worry, anxiety & stress.
- f. The true purpose of any principality is always to lead us into more bondage.

VIII. A look at self-bitterness issues

- a. Self-bitterness is extremely destructive and often is associated with an unloving spirit.
 - i. An unloving spirit of self hatred is the root of auto immune diseases such as: diabetes, multiple sclerosis, lupus, crones, rheumatoid arthritis and others.
- b. The legs of Self Bitterness:
 - i. The first leg is self unforgiveness.
 - 1. A person who is not willing to forgive themselves of their sins, wrongs or offenses. Things we have done to hurt others or that we recognize as past sins.
 - 2. By knowing that we are forgiven by god, we must forgive ourselves.
 - 3. Look at the scriptures we have in this study and where it talks about forgiveness insert self into the passage. Such as: Matthew 6:14-15 can be reworded to read:
 - a. ¹⁴ For if ye forgive yourself of past trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: ¹⁵ But if ye forgive not yourself your trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.
 - b. This is not a perversion of scripture, you are a man or women of God's creation so the scripture applies to you and how you treat and feel about yourself.
 - 4. God choose to forgive your sins through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, who are you to hold your sins against yourself? Who gave you the right to place yourself above God in this area?
 - ii. The second leg that self-bitterness stands upon is self resentment.
 - 1. This is keeping a record of wrongs you have committed against yourself.
 - 2. Stop chewing on those things you have covered under repentance and let them go. Your peace, your joy, your witness and possibly your physical health depends upon it.
 - 3. Self resentment will lead us into self sabotage.
 - a. It will keep coming across your mind until you take action on it.
 - b. You will stop dating that person that seems to be the one God put in your life. etc.
 - iii. The third leg is self retaliation.

1. You do this by keeping inside issues which you have stuffed and now hold against yourself.
 2. You can recognize this in your life - how? Do you find yourself stating really hurtful things about yourself?
 - a. I.e. Someone says "You look really great in that dress" your response "I never look good in anything"
 3. You are made in the image and likeness of God, you are saved by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, so why do you take yourself out? What is going on inside of you, what stronghold of satan has rooted that drives this behavior?
 4. You overcome by learning to separate the influences within from the Word of God and follow the 8 R's to freedom to establish the strongholds of God's truths within.
 5. When you learn to forgive yourself at this level, forgiving others comes as second nature.
 6. Embrace yourself and agree with God, I am fearfully and wonderfully made, I am the image of God, I am called to represent Christ and His love, I am worthy because He says I am.
 7. This will keep your hypothalamus gland producing the correct amounts of serotonin. It will cause you endocrine system to continue to fight off disease. It will cause your immune system to respond effectively.
You are keeping out fear thus walking in faith. You bear the fruit of the spirit in your life instead.
- iv. The forth leg that self-bitterness stands upon is self anger / wrath.
1. We need to be free from retaliation towards self. Self anger / wrath leads to the auto immune disease we identified earlier.
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- v. The fifth leg is self hatred.
1. Hatred goes toward the elimination of someone. Self hatred indicates that we are working toward eliminating ourselves.
 2. An example from Bill Conklin:
 - a. A man with multiple sclerosis who is steeped in self bitterness and self hatred and he cannot forgive himself. I should of done this or that, my life has been such a waste. I did not get saved until I was 45, and I wasted 45 years of my life.
 - b. They went into the room to pray for him and he was in a wheel chair and stated "I hate myself" . " I wasted all my life, I was so evil and nasty and

terrible that I can never forgive myself. "

- c. After ministry of showing him the Fathers love and showing him his sins are forgiven. After a period of time it set in and three weeks later he was standing on his own and he was on his way to restoral.
 - d. They are expecting creative miracles to restore the nerve fibers and that he will fully recover.
- vi. The sixth leg self bitterness stands upon is self violence.
- 1. We begin to do acts of violence towards self.
 - 2. Bill references young people he has ministered to that were into cutting themselves. God does not want us to be disfigured or destroyed.
- vii. The seventh leg is self murder, can by tongue or in the heart. Can be suicide tendency.
- 1. Assassinate self by words can be a form of this.

IX. Indicators of where we are:

- a. Replay, in other words, we go over and over a given event and our actions. What is being replayed can indicate where we have progressed in this area.
- b. If you find you cannot let something go then this is evidence that you have a stronghold in your life.
- c. If you see someone who wronged you and feelings start surfacing and you get knots in your stomach. You will know that it is an evil spirit talking and the best thing to do is immediately reject it.
- d. You can go to the person and tell them what it was that hurt you, that you have chosen to forgive them and then ask for them to forgive you for harboring these negative thoughts. If they do not receive it that is OK. You are not doing it for their freedom, you are doing it for yours. And it is for a testimony of Jesus Christ.
- e. **2 Corinthians 10:3-6 (KJV)** For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: ⁴(For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) ⁵Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; ⁶And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.
 - i. Cast down every imagination - all the mind pictures of things from the past. And every high thing - the negative thoughts that replay over and over. They are lies of the devil & deceptions.

- f. Never call evil good in the name of love, that is co-dependency.
- g. God wants the fruits of the spirit to show forth from us. The fruits of the spirit are for the body to help each other and to testify to the lost the saving power & blessings of serving Jesus.
- h. **Hebrews 4:12 (KJV)** For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
- i. Pack a pair of 38's
 - i. **1 John 3:8 (KJV)** He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.
 - ii. **Acts 10:38 (KJV)** How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

X. Concluding prayer:

- a. Father God, I pray by your Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. That you would reveal truth. That you would reveal instances, situations and circumstances, where other people have hurt, injured or maimed my brother and sister who are listening to this video. Lead them into all truth, oh Holy Spirit. reveal to them the open-door wherein this bitterness or self-bitterness may have come in. Father God I pray that they would open their hearts to you and that they would cry out to you. And according to Jeremiah 33:3 that when they cry out to you. Father God, you promised and you said that you would hear them, you would answer them and you would show them great and marvelous and wonderful things that they do not know. Oh, Holy Spirit, show them those things. We know in your word father that you will answer them when they cry out to you. That you will show them if they truly want to know and they really want to get free. And they will begin to repent, they will begin to forgive, and they will freely begin to ask forgiveness. that they will take responsibility over those areas of their lives which have caused separation between you oh, Father, and themselves. Between separation between them and themselves and even separation between them and another person. I thank you Father God, I praise you and worship you for what you are doing in the lives of these men and women, but, also I thank you for what you have done in my life. I give you glory and honor and we just look forward to the good report, we look forward to the answers to this prayer in Jesus name. Amen.
 - i. **Jeremiah 33:3 (KJV)** Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

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3 John 1:2 (KJV) Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.