

The Root Of Bitterness

"Do not be deceived: 'Bad company ruins good morals.'" 1 Corinthians 15:33
(English Standard Version)

Other than in a _____, " _____ " is a negative idea.

"The Root Of Bitterness" And Its Old Testament Referent

- A. Hebrews 12:15 - The word _____ is certainly familiar to us, but the _____ is not. What does it mean?
- B. The Old Testament referent for this phrase:
 1. Deuteronomy 29:16,17 - Remember the _____ things you saw along the way.
 2. Deuteronomy 29:18,19 - Be on guard against a _____ bearing _____ and _____ fruit.
 3. Deuteronomy 29:20-28 - If you _____ such a root to remain, its effect will _____ disastrously.

How Christians Should Understand "The Root Of Bitterness"

- A. Hebrews 12:12-17 - There are influences that can keep us from reaching our _____. The root of bitterness must not be _____.
- B. The everyday challenges of roots of bitterness:
 1. Understanding the word:
 - a. *pikria* meant _____, or even _____.
 - b. Exodus 15:23 - The water was _____ and could not be _____ by the people.
 - c. Hebrews 3:16 - An attitude of _____ is here described as something to avoid.
 2. The fruit of this bitter root:
 - a. 1 Corinthians 15:33 - _____ company _____ good morals.
 - b. Matthew 26:8; John 12:4 - _____'s criticism of Mary's _____ spread to the other _____.
 3. Ephesians 4:31 - Put _____ "all bitterness" from you.
 4. James 3:10,11 - The fruit of the root of bitterness often comes from the _____. *pikros* is translated by " _____ water".
- C. Hebrews 12:15 - Every Christian is _____ for being on guard against this _____ influence.

Can we tolerate _____ in our food supplies?

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