

# ENEMIES OF THE HOME

HIS DESIGN | SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2017 | WEEK 4

Lesson: **DEFEATING THE ENEMY OF AN UNFORGIVING SPIRIT**

*Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. EPHESIANS 4:31-32*

**Introduction:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**1. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF BITTERNESS** (VS. 31)

A. Some are bitter because of their  
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B. Some are bitter because of a current  
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*Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.*  
COLOSSIANS 3:19



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*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;*  
HEBREWS 12:15

## 2. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF BITTERNESS

(VS. 31B)

A. \_\_\_\_\_

**DEFINITION:** "Put away the right you have to punish someone."

*There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.* ROMANS 8:1

*Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.*  
COLOSSIANS 3:13

**QUOTE:** "It is easier to forgive your spouse or relative if you envision your loving Lord rather than your flawed spouse. Picture doing it for Jesus. The imposition becomes an honor."

*Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert*  
ISAIAH 43:18-19

**QUOTE:** "To forgive is to set a prisoner free only to finally discover that the prisoner was you!"

B. \_\_\_\_\_

*And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.* EPHESIANS 4:30

C. \_\_\_\_\_

*Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,* PHILIPPIANS 3:13

**QUOTE:** "Don't ruin your future by living in the past."

**QUOTE:** "Learning how to forgive and forget is one of the secrets of a happy Christian life."

## 3. \_\_\_\_\_ FOR BITTERNESS (VS. 32)

A. \_\_\_\_\_

*Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;*  
COLOSSIANS 3:12

B. \_\_\_\_\_

*Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:* 1 PETER 3:8

*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!* PSALMS 133:1

**Conclusion:** \_\_\_\_\_

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