

Job 27:1-6 NIV

- ¹ And Job continued his discourse:
- ² "As surely as God lives, who has denied me justice, the Almighty, who has made my life bitter,
- ³ as long as I have life within me, the breath of God in my nostrils,
- ⁴ my lips will not say anything wicked, and my tongue will not utter lies".

- ⁵ "I will never admit you are in the right; till I die, I will not deny my integrity.
- ⁶I will maintain my innocence and never let go of it; my conscience will not reproach me as long as I live".

I. The **Bitter** Root.

Hebrews 12:15 NLT

¹⁵ Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many.

II. **Dealing** with the root of bitterness.

Luke 23:34a NLT

34 Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing."

III. <u>Watering</u> or starving the root of <u>bitterness</u>. Whatever you feed <u>grows</u> but whatever you starve <u>dies</u>. So how do we starve the root of bitterness?

- We Repent.

Job 42:1-6 NLT

- ¹ Then Job replied to the Lord:
- ²"I know that you can do anything, and no one can stop you.
- ³ You asked, 'Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorance?'

 It is I—and I was talking about things I knew nothing about, things far too wonderful for me."

- 4 "You said, 'Listen and I will speak! I have some questions for you, and you must answer them.'
- ⁵ I had only heard about you before, but now I have seen you with my own eyes.
- ⁶I take back everything I said, and I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance".

- We make a deliberate choice to remove.

Ephesians 4:31 NLT

31 Get rid of all bitterness, ra

³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior.

- We make a deliberate choice to replace.

Ephesians 4:32 NLT

32 Instead, be kind to each other,
tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as
God through Christ has forgiven you.