Devotion

Pleasant View Baptist Church ● Scripture: Ephesians 4:31-32

**Bitterness**

 Paul was excellent in discussing topics that are at the core of our Christian beliefs and principles. As Christians, I think there are things we say in faith, yet have trouble putting into practice. We all know that bitterness is a bad thing to have in our life. However, I think sometimes we are guilty to allow bitterness to stay in our life longer than we should. Paul tells us that we need to put away these feelings.

Bitterness is a dangerous thing. The writer in Deuteronomy explains the fruits of bitterness are poisonous. I couldn’t agree more. If we allow bitterness to linger in our life long enough, we will start doing things that are uncharacteristic of a Christian. I certainly believe that bitterness in our life can affect our worship and walk with the Lord. Letting go of the disappointment of being treated unfairly from an individual can be tough. I know from past experiences that I would reflect often how certain individuals hurt me. Looking back during that time, I allowed Satan to allow bitterness to grow in my life.

As Christians, we have another option. We have the option to forgive and to love. That may seem like a tall task. However, through prayer, God can make a way to forgive and to love. We may not ever forget what happened to us, yet God can make a way where we can continue to live our life.

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