



Winning the Bitterness Battle

Hebrews 12:14-17

Comes down to CHOICES

- Jesus – *“Father forgive them...”*
- Living free from bitterness is a long series of righteous lifestyle choices.
- Heb. 12 – *“Pursue peace with all people and holiness...”*

Joseph

- Never showed any sign of bitterness
- Never drank the bitter gall
- Never allowed bitterness to set up shop in his heart.
- Heb. 12:15 - *"looking carefully"*

Josephs CHOICES...

- 1. Chose God's presence over Satan's poison.
 - - Genesis 39:1-3
- 2. Chose service over sickness
 - - Genesis 39:4

Josephs CHOICES...

- 3. Chose a long term right relationship with God over the short term passing pleasures of sin.
- - Genesis 39:7-14

Josephs CHOICES...

- 4. Chose to progressively get BETTER than purposefully get BITTER.
- - Genesis 39:20-23

Josephs CHOICES...

- 5. Chose VICTORY over a lifestyle of VINDICTIVENESS
- - Genesis 50:19
- Bitterness develops into destructive aggression.

Josephs CHOICES...

- 6. Chose to see the bigger picture over the bitter poison.
- - Genesis 50:15-21
- Bitterness will derail your destiny

Josephs CHOICES...

- 7. Chose to bless his bitter brothers.
- - Genesis 50:21
- - Matthew 5:43-48
- This is the real evidence of victory!

Josephs CHOICES...

- Ephesians 4:20-31
- Long series of righteous lifestyle choices.