





Beware of Bitterness

Hebrews 12:14-17



1. Description of Bitterness

→ *what it is*

2. Dangers of Bitterness

→ *what it does*

3. Deliverance from Bitterness

→ *what it takes to overcome it*

Description of Bitterness

- A. Bitterness starts when a root grows from a seed.**
- B. Once the root is established, bitterness can grow rapidly.**
- C. In time, bitterness will overrun a person's life.**

Dangers of Bitterness

A. Bitterness disturbs.

B. Bitterness defiles.

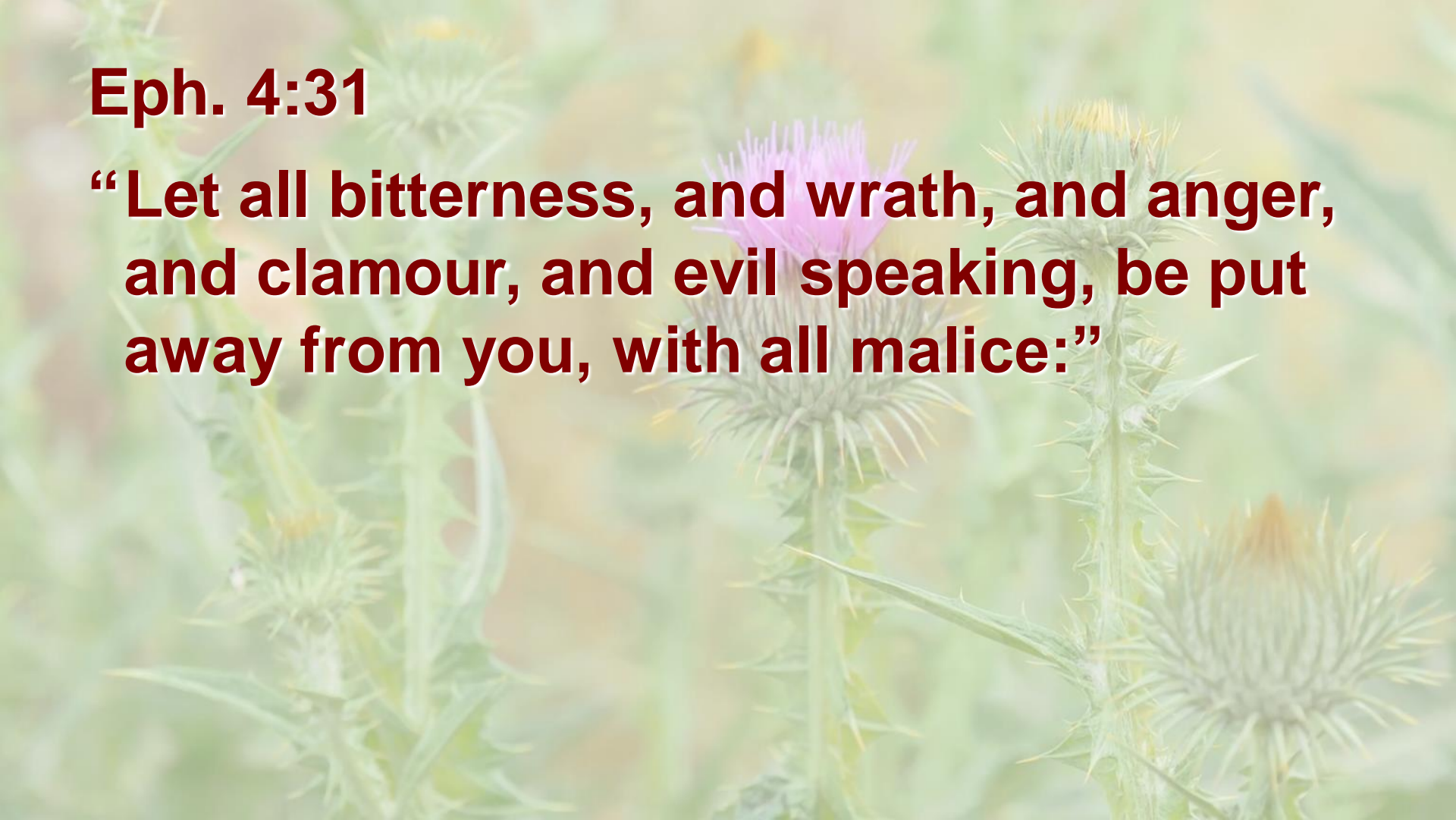
C. Bitterness destroys.





Rom. 3:13-14

**“Their throat is an open sepulchre; with
their tongues they have used deceit; the
poison of asps is under their lips: 14
Whose mouth is full of cursing and
bitterness:”**

The background of the image is a close-up, slightly out-of-focus photograph of several thistles. The thistles have green, serrated leaves and spiky stems. One thistle in the center has a small, light purple flower head. The overall tone is soft and natural.

Eph. 4:31

**“Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger,
and clamour, and evil speaking, be put
away from you, with all malice:”**



Deut. 29:18

“Lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turneth away this day from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations; lest there should be among you a root that beareth gall and wormwood;”

Eph. 4:31-32

“Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.”

Activities that can help bring victory over bitterness ...

- (1) Meditation on the Word of God**
- (2) Worship and Thanksgiving**
- (3) Fellowship**
- (4) Prayer**
- (5) Ministry (serving others)**

