

Avoid the Root of Bitterness
Hebrews 12:14-17

1. Pursue Peace

God is Called: God of Peace

Since we are at peace with the God of peace, we are to be at peace with others.

What about difficult people, people who are always looking for a fight?

Romans 12:17 - Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Break the cycle

Respect what is right in the sight of all men. Don't antagonize

2. Pursue Holiness

Scripture looks at holiness in 2 ways:

1. Holiness describes a unique relationship that God has established and desires with his people. It's our relationship and our standing with God.

2. Holiness means that all we are and all we have belongs to God, not ourselves, and that every aspect of our lives is to be shaped and directed toward God.

Holiness is the sanctification by Christ of heart and life.

3. Root of bitterness

Talks of something which can harm the church

It's a warning for the church not to treat salvation as an automatic thing that does not require a life of vigilance and a pursuit of peace and holiness.

2 Corinthians 11:2 - For I am jealous for you with the jealousy of God himself. I promised you as a pure bride to one husband—Christ.