The Power of Forgiveness

The Fruit of the Root

Hebrews 12:12-15

**I. Truths Concerning Forgiveness**

 Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35

 1. Forgiveness is the ultimate measure of true Christian \_\_\_\_\_\_.

 Scriptures: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 2. Forgiveness is so difficult for most Christians because of a faulty \_\_\_\_\_\_ system.

 Scriptures: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 3. Forgiveness is not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 4. Forgiveness is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that begins with a decision of the heart.

 Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 5. Forgiveness is ultimately a work that only the \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ can do in us.

 Scriptures: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**II. Truths About Unforgiveness**

 1. Unforgiveness blocks the flow of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to our lives.

 Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 2. Unforgiveness is powered by a giant poisonous \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 Scriptures: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 *Some fruit of the root:*

 1) Uncontrollable outbursts of \_\_\_\_\_

 2) Offended by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of others

 3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of most things

 4) Finding joy in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of others

 5) Inability to submit to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 6) A constant need to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ other people

 7) Retelling of hurts and offenses with the same \_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ as if it happened today

 3. Bitterness makes the bitter person its \_\_\_\_\_\_.

**III. What Bitterness Will Do**

 1. Bitterness will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 2. Bitterness will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 3. Bitterness will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 4. Bitterness will \_\_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 5. Bitterness will \_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 6. Bitterness will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 7. Bitterness will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**IV. The Conclusion of the Matter**

 1. There are two times when we are most like Christ:

 When we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 When we \_\_\_\_.

 2. You can never truly heal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ until you forgive.