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.