

Bitterness, Resentment, and Hate

- 1. Put away bitterness. Eph. 4:31.** Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.
- 2. Quit biting and devouring each other. Gal. 5:15.** But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!
- 3. Bitterness belongs to the sinful nature. Gal. 5:19.** Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness.
- 4. Let no bitter root grow. Heb. 12:15.** Looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;
- 5. Joseph's brothers allowed bitterness to grow into hatred and murder in the heart. Gen. 37.**
- 6. Cain's anger turned to bitterness, hatred, and murder. Gen. 4:3–8.**

7. Hatred is forbidden. Lev. 19:17. ‘You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him.’

8. One who hates lives in darkness. 1 John 2:9–11. He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

9. The way of a malicious man is deceitful. Prov. 26:24–26. He who hates, disguises it with his lips, And lays up deceit within himself; When he speaks kindly, do not believe him, For there are seven abominations in his heart; Though his hatred is covered by deceit, His wickedness will be revealed before the assembly.

10. Hatred is murder. 1 John 3:11–20. 1 John 3:15. Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.