



Haman allowed <u>one</u> negative to steal the joy away from <u>many</u> positives.

 We <u>appreciate</u> our blessings, but we <u>focus</u> on our aggravations. As dead flies give perfume a bad smell, so a little folly... (Ecc. 10:1)

Each heart knows its own bitterness... (*Prov. 14:10*)

It is CRAZY and TRAGIC to allow a bitterness or disappointment to **contaminate** and **poison** the sweetness and satisfaction of life!

Move Your Hand! PERSPECTIVE

Force yourself to itemize the **quantity** and **quality** of BLESSINGS vs. IRRITATIONS. This will **change** your **perspective**!

In this world you will have trouble.

[PERSPECTIVE #1]

But take heart! I have overcome the world! [PERSPECTIVE #2] (Jn. 16:33)

Mow Your Yard! (At least... chop the top!)

Bitterness, like a weed, has a root [cause]. If you cannot remove the root, purposefully cut off the stalk **every time** it seeks to emerge. Deprive the root of sunlight so that it cannot **grow**!





DO NOT ALLOW the bitter incident/memory to <u>rule</u> your <u>soul</u> and <u>ruin</u> your <u>satisfaction</u> with life.

Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness GROWS to trouble you, corrupting many. (Heb. 12:15)

Relocate the Garbage! (Send it to the landfill)

Most folks do not have the resources or knowledge required to annihilate garbage. So it is turned over to someone who does. The significant thing for you is that it is gone from **your house**.

In Bible terms, this action of transfer is called **forgiveness**.

The <u>motive</u> is not simply to remove the stink from my house, but <u>also</u> to obey God by <u>doing</u> for <u>others</u> what he has <u>done</u> for <u>me</u>.

Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the LORD FORGAVE YOU!

(Col. 3:13)