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**Pastor and Sis. McKinney, along with the CAC Church Family, would like to thank you for choosing to worship the Lord with us today.**

**We hope you find your visit informative and inspirational and one that will keep you coming back. If you have any questions feel free to contact our ushers or staff. Connect with CAC today and let CAC be your home church.**

**We hope to see you in future services!**

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### ***Digging Down To The Root***

***Hebrews 12:15 "Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled."***

Have you ever noticed how hard it is to get rid of *some* things? And no, I'm not talking about your husband, wife, or kids! But sometimes we find it hard to get rid of some unwanted things such as weeds in our garden, dogs in our garbage, and mud in those little grooves in the bottom of our shoes.

Life is full of little struggles, most of which

seem way bigger than they really are.

While we are struggling with the little things of life, there are some greater issues that do far more damage than weeds, trash, and mud in those tiny little grooves in the bottom of your shoes. One of these things is bitterness. Bitterness is something that takes root in your heart. And when something takes root, you can *mow it down* all you want and it will keep coming back. The only way to truly get rid of the problem is to dig down to the root and pull up root and all.

Bitterness cannot be dealt with from the surface. You can smile all day and still be bitter. You can laugh till you lose your breath and still be bitter. You can put on a happy face and parade through life, and still be bitter. Dealing with bitterness on the surface is like mowing weeds, they will keep springing back up, and so will bitterness if it is not dealt with in the heart. Bitterness must be dealt with at the root. It must be controlled by digging down to the root, *extracting* the bitterness along with the *clod* of problems associated with it, and tossing it in the *compost barrel* of life!

We must be aware that there are some harmful and destructive things that can take root in our hearts. We must completely eradicate the problem so it won't keep springing back up in our lives.

We must learn to recognize when something is trying to take root in our lives that will bring destruction. If you find it difficult to be around a certain person, you may have a root of bitterness. If you can't stand to look at some folks, you have a root of bitterness that must be abolished before it destroys you.

The only way to get rid of bitterness is to let the Word of God take root in your heart. Instead of letting the cares of life choke the Word until it becomes unfruitful, let the Word of God choke the bitterness to where it becomes unfruitful.

When we can successfully bring to an end the destructive stuff in our lives, our lives will be fruitful for the Lord. Start digging!

