

MISSING OUT ON GOD'S GRACE?? ~ Hebrews 12:15-17

→ Scripture Reading Hebrews 12:10-15

TURN AWAY FROM BITTERNESS ~ Hebrews 12:15

[15] See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

Hebrews 12:15 (JBP) Be careful that none of you fails to respond to the grace which God gives, for if he does there can very easily spring up in him a bitter spirit (root) which is not only bad in itself but can also poison the lives of many others.

APPLICATION

How to MISS God's GRACE...

- ISOLATION from the church family
- UNCONFESSED sin
- BITTERNESS of Unbelief
- REFUSING to be in God's Word
- REFUSING to come to the Throne of Grace

Hebrews 4:16 (HCS) Therefore let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, SO THAT we may receive mercy and find grace to help us at the proper time.

Hebrews 4:16 (NLT) So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

APPLICATION

Hebrews 12:15 (JBP) Be careful that none of you fails to respond to the grace which God gives, for if he does there can very easily spring up in him a bitter spirit... (NIV...bitter root)

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- MISSING OUT on God's daily Grace vs. 15
- a root of Bitter UNBELIEF vs. 15
- giving in to sinful APPETITES VS.16

TURN AWAY FROM GODLESSNESS ~ Hebrews 12:16-17

[16] See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son.

Inheritance Rights Included Constable

- LEADER of the family
- Spiritual Head or PRIEST for the family
- Double PORTION of Father's possessions

[17] Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. He could bring about no change of mind, though he sought the blessing with tears.

Hebrews 12:16 (JBP) Be careful too, that none of you falls into impurity or loses his reverence for the things of God and then, like Esau, is ready to sell his birthright to satisfy the momentary hunger of his body.

APPLICATION

For a small immediate gain, Esau bartered away what was of infinitely great worth. Expositors

Esau is the prototype of all who throw away the heavenly reality for the sake of the earthly one. Constable

TAKE AWAY ??

2 Corinthians 1:8-9 (NIV) We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. [9] Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But **this happened that we might not rely on ourselves BUT on God, who raises the dead.**