

Beware of Bitterness

Hebrews 12:12-17



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Pursue peace with all *people*, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: ¹⁵looking 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;

1. When Things Go Your Way



Exodus 12:37

- Then the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides children.

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1. When Things Go Your Way

a) **The Admonition to the Hebrews**

Hebrews 12:1-5

¹Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

2 Timothy 4:8

Finally, there is laid up for me the **crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

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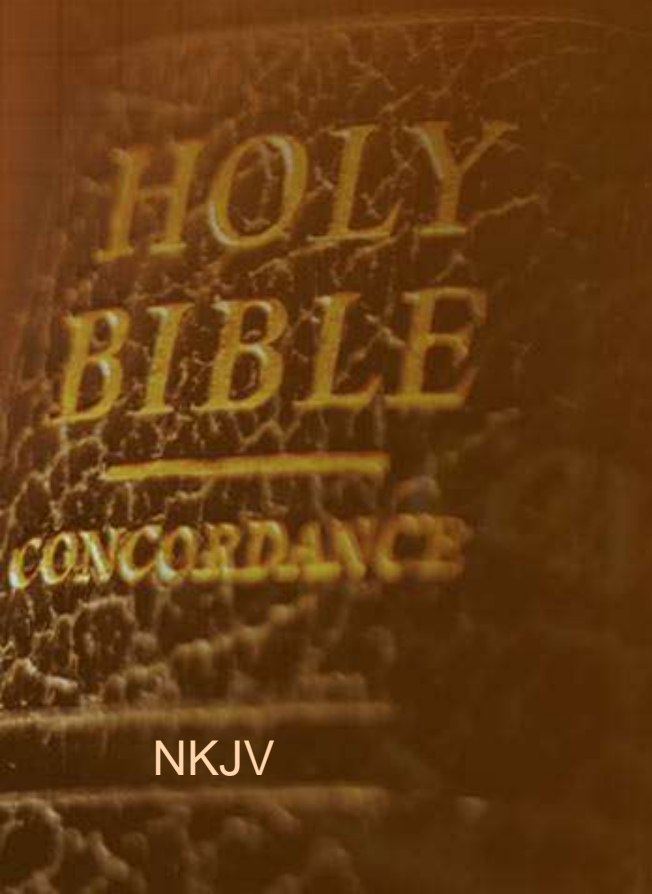
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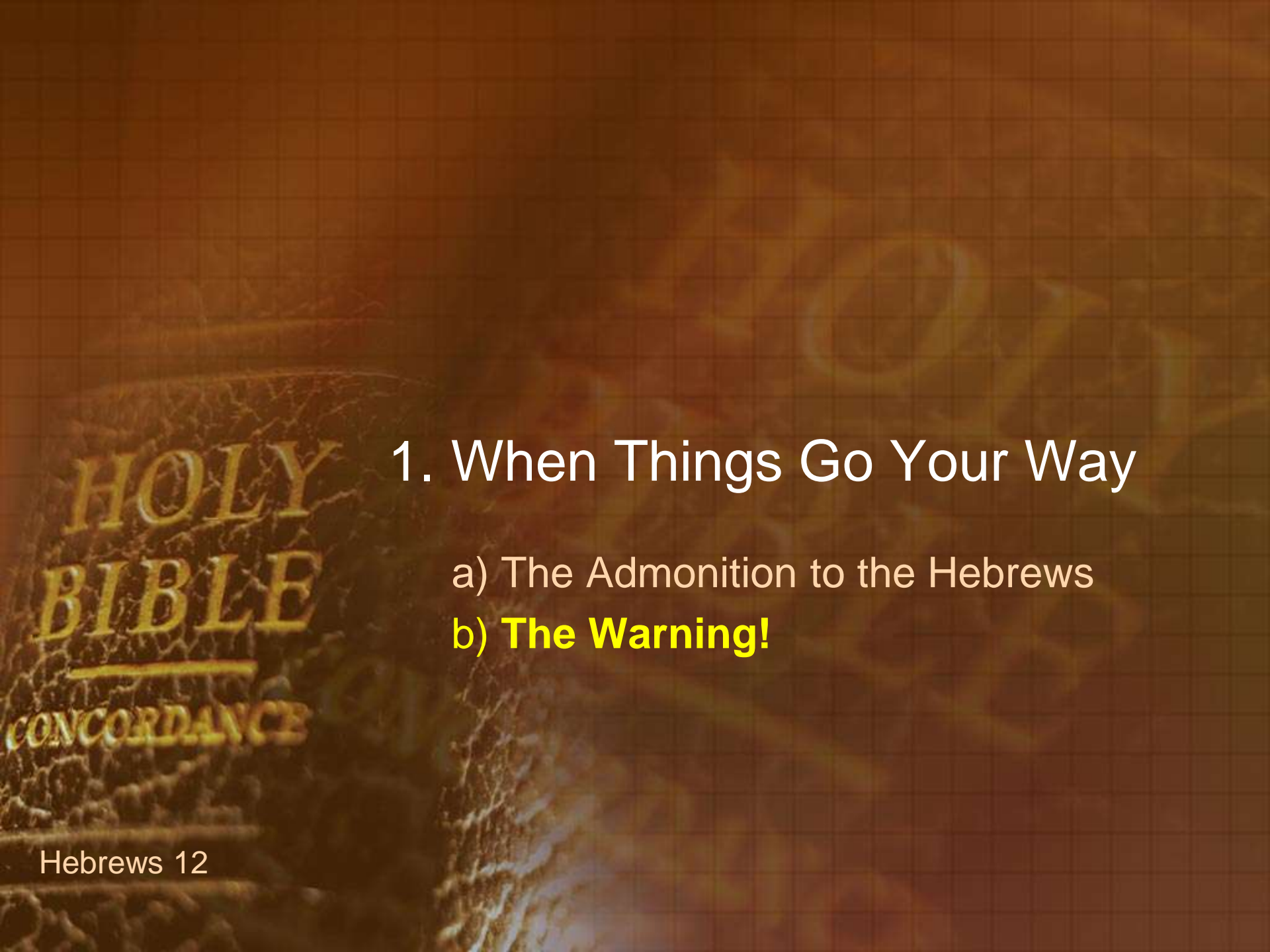
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Hebrews 12:12

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1. When Things Go Your Way

a) The Admonition to the Hebrews

b) **The Warning!**

Ephesians 4:27
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a) The Admonition to the Hebrews

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Ephesians 4:26-27

²⁶"In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold.

1. When Things Go Your Way

- a) The Admonition to the Hebrews
- b) **The Warning!**
- c) **The Enemy**



FORNICATOR

- Greek word “ **pornos** ” speaks of “an unrestrained appetite”



PROFANE

- Greek word "bebelos", the root word is the basis for "foot". This word describes a threshold, a crossing of a threshold or doorway entrance.





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IRREVERENCE
TOWARDS THE
THINGS OF GOD!

❖ The Esau Syndrome

IRREVERENCE

which manifest itself in **Impatience** when it came to satisfying a short-term appetite. **Impulsiveness** in selling what God had given Him and **Independence** in acting alone without concern for others, especially God. Esau's action was an irreverent act of despising his birthright, an immoral act of contempt toward the things given of God.

¹⁶lest there *be* any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. ¹⁷ For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.

Hebrews 12

2. When Things Don't Go Your Way

a) The Admonition to the Hebrews



2. When Things Don't Go Your Way

LIFT UP YOUR HANDS!

a) The Admonition to the Hebrews

Hebrews 12:12

¹²Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

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2. When Things Don't Go Your Way

LIFT UP YOUR HANDS!

a) The Admonition to the Hebrews

The Key is FOCUS!



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Since, then, you have been raised with Christ,
set your hearts on things above, where Christ is
seated at the right hand of God.

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Colossians 3:1

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Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

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Luke 21:28

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2. When Things Don't Go Your Way

WATCH OUT!

- a) The Admonition to the Hebrews
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Watch out! Be careful lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled.

2. When Things Don't Go Your Way

REMEMBER THE ENEMY

- a) The Admonition to the Hebrews
- b) The Warning
- c) **The Enemy**

**Irreverence, Impatience,
Impulsiveness and a spirit of
Independence from God and others**



2. When Things Don't Go Your Way

REMEMBER ESAU

- a) The Admonition to the Hebrews
- b) The Warning
- c) **The Enemy**

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