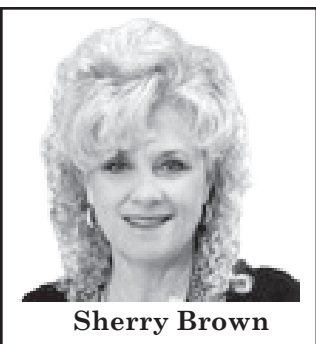


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The Nature of Bitterness

Today we will talk about Bible Verses About Bitterness. Bitterness can often creep into our hearts and minds, affecting our relationships and our joy. It can stem from anger, resentment, or unhealed wounds, and if left unchecked, can lead us down a dark path. The Bible provides us with profound insights and guidance on how to deal with this thorny issue. As we walk through these verses, let’s open our hearts and minds to understand what God wants us to learn about bitterness. Together, we can explore His Word and discover how we can release bitterness and

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Bitterness

embrace forgiveness and love in our lives.

“See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.” – Hebrews 12:15

“But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth.” – James 3:14

Understanding Bitterness

In our Christian journey, it’s vital for us to recognize what bitterness truly is.

Bitterness often comes from feeling wronged or neglected; it’s an emotional state that can taint our perception of life and how we interact with others. This heavy burden can block our ability to experience and share God’s love, creating a wedge between us and our spirit. As we read through the Bible verses about bitterness, we will find the impor-

tance of identifying and addressing our feelings honestly. By acknowledging our bitterness, we can work towards healing and restoration. We don’t have to carry this weight alone; God is with us, guiding us through the tough moments. It’s crucial that we lean on His understanding and let His word reshape our hearts, leading us to a place of peace and compassion.

Effects of Bitterness

Bitterness can have a dramatic influence on our emotional and spiritual lives. It can cloud our thinking and change the way we see ourselves and those around us. When we hold onto bitterness, it often leads to negative behaviors and attitudes that can even affect our physical health! The Bible teaches us that such a bitter heart can lead us to actions and thoughts that stray us from our faith. By recognizing these

harmful effects, we can better understand why it’s essential to release bitterness. When we relinquish these feelings, we create space for growth, healing, and stronger relationships with others and, importantly, with God. Let’s allow ourselves to dwell on God’s grace, reminding us of the healing power of forgiveness and love.

Forgiveness and Healing

The act of forgiveness is one of the most powerful antidotes to bitterness. When we choose to forgive, we open up a pathway to healing both our hearts and minds. In the Bible, we are reminded that forgiveness is a necessity for us as followers of Christ. It’s not always easy, but through God’s strength, we can find the courage to forgive even the deepest hurts we may have endured. The guidance of scripture reassures

us that we are not alone in our struggle. Instead, we can lean on Christ, who exemplified perfect forgiveness during His time on Earth. As we let go of bitterness through forgiveness, we will find our spirits lightened, allowing the love of Jesus to flow freely in our lives.

Choosing Joy Over Bitterness

Choosing joy over bitterness requires conscious effort and divine intervention.

We all know how easy it is to fall into the trap of bitterness; however, God encourages us to seek joy, even in difficult circumstances. A

joyful heart is a reflection of our relationship with Christ—it tells a story of faith, hope, and resilience. By consciously choosing joy, we can begin to shift our focus away from what has hurt us to the goodness of God and His blessings in our lives. Joy doesn’t mean ignoring our struggles; instead, it means embracing them while knowing that God is in control and we are favored by Him. Let’s celebrate the joy of Christ because it’s an anchor that can help us navigate through the storms of bitterness.

Verse of the Week

Mark 1:17 And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. KJV

BREAD OF LIFE

Sharing a Smile

By Tom Metcalfe

I'll Fly Away

On July 29, 1958, (68 years ago today) President Dwight D. Eisenhower established NASA by signing the National Aeronautics and Space Act (NASA) into law. Driven by the Soviet Union's launch of Sputnik, Eisenhower insisted the agency remain strictly civilian to promote peaceful space exploration and reduce military inter-service rivalries.

On October 1, 1958, NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) was formed to direct the U.S. space and aeronautics efforts following the onset of the Space Race. It is the independent civilian agency of the United States federal government responsible for the nation's civil space program, aeronautics research, and space exploration.

“Landing a man on the Moon and returning him safely to Earth within a decade” was a national goal set by President John F. Kennedy in 1961. On July 20, 1969, astronaut Neil Armstrong took “one giant leap for mankind” as he stepped onto the Moon. Six Apollo missions were made to explore the Moon between 1969 and 1972.

NASA operates ten field centers across the U.S. and is organized into three mission directorates: Human Spaceflight, Research and Technology, and Science. Established in 1958 amid the Space Race, NASA succeeded the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) to give the U.S. space program a distinct civilian orientation focused on peaceful applications. Since then, it has led most American spaceflight programs, including Project Mercury, Project Gemini, the Apollo program, Skylab, the Space Shuttle, the International Space Station (ISS) and the ongoing multi-national Artemis program.

The development of ballistic missiles, first used by Germany toward the end of World War II, paved the way for the launch vehicles that would fuel a space race between the Soviet Union and the United States. The space race was then followed by an era of space cooperation, highlighted by the International Space Station.

The International Space Station is a research laboratory in low Earth orbit. With many different partners contributing to its design and construction, this high-flying laboratory has become

a symbol of cooperation in space exploration, with former competitors now working together

Twenty-four successful shuttle launches fulfilled many scientific and military requirements until Jan. 28, 1986, when just 73 seconds after liftoff, the space shuttle Challenger exploded. The crew of seven was killed, including a teacher, Christa McAuliffe from New Hampshire who would have been the first civilian in space.

Early on, all the astronauts were male: John Glenn, Alan Shepard, Russian Lt. Yuri Gagarin. Eileen Marie Collins was the first woman to pilot the Space Shuttle and the first to command a Space Shuttle mission.

In the start it was a two country effort - the United States and Russia. Now there are others participating in the “Race to Space”.

NASA collaborates internationally with organizations including the European Space Agency (ESA), the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), the Canadian Space Agency (CSA) and Russia's Roscosmos (for ISS operations), as well as with U.S. agencies such as the National Oceanic

and Atmospheric Administration, the United States Geological Survey, and the United States Space Force.

The Gulf War proved the value of satellites in modern conflicts. During this war, allied forces were able to use their control of the “high ground” of space to achieve a decisive advantage. Satellites were used to provide information on enemy troop formations and movements, early warning of enemy missile attacks, and precise navigation in the featureless desert terrain. The advantages of satellites allowed the coalition forces to quickly bring the war to a conclusion, saving many lives.

A SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket will launch another batch of 24 Starlink V2 Mini satellites to low Earth orbit. The first-stage booster, tail number B1082, launching for a 23rd time, is scheduled to land on the droneship, ‘Of Course I Still Love You’, in the Pacific Ocean.

Emma Joke - “What’s that restaurant on the moon like?” It doesn’t have atmosphere.

Wisdom of John Ed - “ White lightning tastes like swallowing a lit coal oil lamp.”

Obedience brings the Blessing Psalm 84:11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield. The Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. I John 2:13 I write unto you Fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you young men, because you have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you little children, because ye have known the Father 14 I have written unto you, fathers because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you young men because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you and ye have overcome the wicked one. 15 Love not the world neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life is not of the father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God, abideth forever. Proverbs 8:32Now therefore hearken unto me, o ye children, for blessed are they that keep my ways 33 Hear instruction and be wise, and refuse it not 34 Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates,

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NOTICE OF ONLINE POSTING
ROBERTSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The 2025-2026 unaudited AFR, year-ended balance sheet, and vendor listing at Robertson County School have been posted and can be found at <http://www.school.robertson.k12.ky.us/Administration/2>

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NOTICE

The Robertson County School District's school report card is on file with the Kentucky Department of Education's website: <http://education.ky.gov>

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NOTICE

Available for tear down
- old house and old barn in Nicholas County -
Keep all the materials but will need to haul off any unwanted materials. If interested, text your name and number to 859-473-3515.

NOTICE

The Nicholas County Board of Education's most recent Unaudited Annual Financial Report (2025-2026) is available for review on our website, www.nicholas.kyschools.us, or by using this direct link: www.nicholas.kyschools.us/boe/finance, where the 2025-2026 Unaudited Annual Financial Report link is located. Any questions, please contact Tyler Duncan, Finance Director, at the Nicholas County Board of Education, (859) 289-3770.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
2026 PROPOSED TAX RATE
PUBLIC HEARING

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court hereby provides notice of its intent to levy an ad valorem tax for the 2026 assessment period, said rate being THE SAME rate as that of 2025 assessment period. The Nicholas Co. Fiscal Court will hold a public hearing on August 14, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. at the Nicholas County Courthouse for the purpose of obtaining comments from the public regarding the proposed tax rate.

The tax rate levied last year was 14.7 and produced revenues in the amount of \$ 478,109. This year's compensating rate is 14.5 and will produce revenues in the amount of \$ 495,367. The Nicholas County Fiscal Court proposes a tax rate of 14.7 which will produce a total of \$ 502,199 in revenues.

Revenue expected from Personal Property is \$ 65,014. Revenue expected from Motor Vehicles is \$ 116,900. Revenue expected from Watercraft is \$3,207.

Revenue received in excess of last year's revenue will be used for operation of the General Fund.

The ad valorem tax on motor vehicles shall be collected by the County Clerk in accordance with KRS 134.800.

The Kentucky General Assembly requires that the Nicholas County Fiscal Court publish this notice with the above information contained herein.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
SECOND READING
TAX RATE ORDINANCE

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court will hold the second reading of the Tax Rate Ordinance at 9:00 am on August 14, 2026 at their regular meeting. A copy of the ordinance in full text is available at the Nicholas County Judge/Executive's office for public inspection during business hours.

	REAL PROPERTY	PERSONAL PROPERTY	MOTOR VEHICLE & WATERCRAFT
General Fund	14.7	15.2	15.8
Fire Dist. (county)	TBD		
Library	TBD		
Board of Health	TBD		
Extension District Bd.	TBD		
Soil Conservation Dist.	TBD		

This Ordinance shall be published in The Carlisle Mercury by title and summary within thirty (30) days following adoption.

This Ordinance becomes effective upon passage and publication.

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