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- c. Stumbling blocks for the weak Heb. 12:13
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- e. Bitterness in your heart Heb. 12:15
- f. The selling of the eternal for the temporal
Heb. 12:16
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