

FAMILY & GENERATIONAL CURSES

Family and generational curses are reoccurring problems that steal, kill, and destroy. It is clear God visits the iniquity of the fathers upon the children up to the third and fourth generation (Exodus 20:5). Curses don't visit your family without cause. When someone in the family tree gives spirits the right to visit because of iniquity, they come looking for a reason to mess up your life. After family curses are exposed, Christ's deliverance is readily available. Knowing that God visits the iniquity of the fathers upon the children up to the third and fourth generation has been quite a shocker for some. Someone up the family tree could have been the originator.

Breaking family curses required you to think about what reoccurring things attack the family.

THE HUMAN FAMILY

You cannot choose your relatives any more than you can choose skin color, gender, or race. Someone up the family tree could be the cause of a generational curse. A family curse is a payment or "recompense for iniquity." Render unto them a recompense, O LORD, according to the work of their hands. Give them sorrow of heart, thy curse unto them. Persecute and destroy them in anger from under the heavens of the LORD. - Lamentations 3:64-66

THE BASICS

Before you can break generational curses, we need to identify what they look like. The help of the Holy Spirit is vital in identifying a family curse. Ask Him to give you a spirit of revelation. The following are to help you identify generational curses.

- EMOTIONAL INSTABILITY, FEAR

To be smitten with madness, insanity, craziness, foolishness, irrational behavior, trembling, unsettled, and fearful heart. Under this curse, one is easily overcome by emotions and fear. These trigger a person to make foolish decisions and do crazy self-destructive things. Confusion and depression are two key indicators of this family curse.

- HEREDITARY FAMILY SICKNESSES

Some family sicknesses are reoccurring. Reoccurring is the indication of a family curse. This curse releases sicknesses of all kinds.

- BARRENNESS

Signs of this curse are infections, hormone problems, menstrual problems, PMS, cramps, fibroids, painful sex, barrenness, miscarriages, cysts, tumors, bladder problems, kidney stones.

- FAMILY BREAKDOWNS, DIVORCE

This curse manifest in several ways including divorce, family divides, fights among relatives, families that scatter, no fellowship, jailed children, and estranged relationships.

- **LACK, POVERTY, INABILITY TO PRODUCE**

This is a curse on finances or to the ability to produce. Production is the vehicle toward wealth building. Under this curse, one's ability to get wealth is stopped. Poverty is not having what you need to do God's will. It is not the blessing of God to not have the means to accomplish His plan for your life. A person under this curse will squander, waste and get further in debt and bondage.

- **NO AMBITION, VISION, DIRECTION**

This curse is revealed in those without ambition. They go aimlessly through life. Ambition is a strong desire to make a difference with your life. It's vision, dream, or aspiration to succeed. Those under this curse care less about tomorrow. They are without hope and terribly negative.

- **BONDAGE AND SLAVERY**

This person loses his individualism, liberty, and freedom. They are easily controlled and manipulated into a loss of identity. They lose their freedoms, can't make decisions on their own, and must get permission from their masters.

STEPS TO BREAK GENERATIONAL CURSES IN YOUR LIFE.

- **RECOGNIZE THE CURSE.** In order to get set free and stay free, you have to admit you have a problem. That sounds simple, but we live in a day and age of denial. No matter what has happened to us in our lives, each of us are responsible for the choices and decisions we make. If you really want to be free, you will accept that responsibility.
- **BREAK THE CURSE.** As we apply God's Word and power to our lives, and as we choose to walk in righteousness and obedience to God, the chains of bondage will be broken. There are three steps to breaking a generational curse: Give your life to Jesus; the blood of Jesus removes our sin; (1) Fight the battle with spiritual weapons (such as the Word of God and the armor of God); and (2) Regain control over the power of your will. When Jesus shed His blood, he bought back our willpower. Through the blood of Jesus, we can say no.
- **REVERSE THE CURSE.** There are three keys you can use to reverse the curse and live in victory: (1) Recognize your enemy. We battle not with flesh and blood. Our enemy is Satan, and the battle is spiritual. (2) Forgive people who have hurt you. (3) Treat causes, not symptoms (for example, insecurity, jealousy or fear).
- **RELEASE THE POWER OF LOVE.** To become people whose lives are transformed by the love of God, we must not only get rid of what holds us captive and keeps us in bondage, but we must also be filled up with love for God, for self and for others. Unconditional love will release blessing. To know more of the love of God in your life, love those who have hurt you, those who have opposed you and those who have sinned against you.
- **DEVELOP A GODLY ATTITUDE.** A good attitude does not make everything go perfectly all the time. Matthew 5:45 tells us that God sends the rain on the just and the unjust. But our attitude determines whether the rain will water the seeds of our harvest or wash those seeds away.

- **ALIGN YOUR WORDS WITH GOD'S WORDS.** Your words give evidence of your faith, and they should reflect God's good purposes for you. Exchange your negative words for positive words, exchange your negative thoughts for positive thoughts, and exchange your negative actions for positive actions.
- **ACCEPT GOD'S ACCEPTANCE.** Jesus didn't come to condemn us or punish us. He came to give us hope that our lives really can be different. We don't have to live under the burdens of pain, hurt, shame or sorrow. All the power in heaven is available to you to set you free from every chain that binds you.
- **WALK IN OBEDIENCE.** In order to break free from the curses and walk in freedom, you must learn to walk in obedience to God's ways. We don't have to be perfect or without mistakes, but our hearts need to be surrendered and pliable toward God. We need to be moving forward in the things of God every day of our lives. Today's decisions determine our tomorrows. There is a miracle on the other side of your obedience.

EFFECTIVE & POWERFUL ways we can pray for our children

Prayer is extremely powerful. Don't ever underestimate this weapon you have been given. Make sure to faithfully use it to blast the enemy as he goes after your child.

- Break generational curses – ask God what your child is dealing with that runs in the family, and break off those chains in the name of Jesus!
- Break ungodly soul ties – who have they been connected with in the past and right now that have a hold on their souls? Break off those connections and your child's desire for those connections in the name of Jesus!
- Ask the Holy Spirit to hover over them
- Speak over them that they will be on a "short leash" and not be able to get very far from God and his love for them.

Matthew 16:19 - And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Galatians 3:13-14 - Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed [is] every one that hangeth on a tree:

Proverbs 26:2 - As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come

Isaiah 54:7 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue [that] shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This [is] the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness [is] of me, saith the LORD.

2 Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.