

Curses 4 - Breaking Self Imposed Curses

Proverbs 18:2 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.



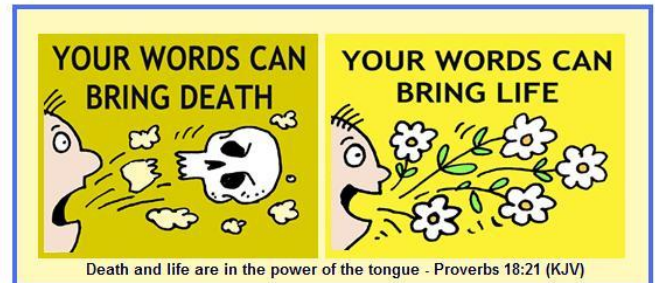
Deuteronomy 30:19-20 I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; ²⁰ that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He *is* your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.”

Matthew 12:36-37 But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. ³⁷ For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

Idle words: Spoken carelessly, without premeditation. Often when a person says something foolish or negative about himself, he then excuses himself by saying, “But I didn’t really mean it”. The fact that the speaker “doesn’t really mean them” does not in any way minimize or cancel the effect of his words. Nor does it release him from his accountability.

There is one kind of curse against which even God cannot provide protection: the curses that Christians pronounce upon themselves. By speaking negative words about themselves they shut themselves off from the blessings and expose themselves to curses.

1. Mental or emotional breakdowns
“It’s driving me crazy!”
“I just can’t think anymore”
“It makes me mad to think ...”
2. Repeated or chronic sicknesses
“Whenever there’s a bug, I catch it”
“I’m sick and tired ...”
“It runs I the family, so I guess I am the next”
3. Barrenness, a tendency to miscarry or related female problems
I don’t think I’ll ever get pregnant”
“I’ve got the curse again”
4. Breakdown of marriage and family alienation
“In our family we have always fought like cats and dogs”
“Somehow I always knew my husband would find another woman”
5. Continuing financial insufficiency
“I never can make ends meet-my father was the same”
“I can’t afford to tithe”
“I hate those ‘fat cats’ who get all they ever want – it never happens to me”
6. Being accident prone
“It always happens to me!”
“I knew there was trouble ahead ...”
“I’m just a clumsy kind of person
7. A history of suicides and unnatural or untimely deaths
“What’s the use of living”
“Over my dead body!”
“I’d rather die than go on the way I am”



Philemon 1:6 (KJV) That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

Evil spirits respond to those words like they have been given permission

Ephesians 4:26-27 “*Be angry, and do not sin*”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, ²⁷ nor give place to the devil.

Family: Bitter, angry words – whether spoken by a husband to his wife or a father to his child – are usually the outcome of a period of growing inner tension. It is like a whistling kettle placed on a stove to boil.

Proverbs 12:18 There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, but the tongue of the wise *promotes* health.

“You just don’t have the willpower that it takes to lose weight. You’ll be fat for the rest of your life”

“You don’t even try! You’re lazy! You’ll never make good!”

“You’ll never be able to manage finances, or to make a descent living”

What kind of destiny are you speaking?

Sometimes the things we are ministering to people in prayer lines are over words spoken against them in childhood.

Solution:

- Repent
- Revoke
- Replace

