

Curses & Blessings: We have a choice

Genesis 12:3 (AMP) And I will bless those who bless you [who confer prosperity or happiness upon you] and curse him who curses or uses insolent language toward you; in you will all the families *and* kindred of the earth be blessed [and by you they will bless themselves]. [Gal. 3:8.]

Galatians 3:8-9 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed."⁹ So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

Defined:

1. A prayer or invocation for harm or injury to come upon one – Speaking bad things
2. Something that is cursed or accursed
3. Evil or misfortune that comes as if in response to imprecation or as retribution
4. A cause of great harm or misfortune : Torment



Don't be fooled. Our words have real power - and act just like curses!

"Multitudes of people are struggling with a force that is destroying them, yet they do not know how to identify it or deal with it." ~ Derek Prince

Blessing is mentioned 410 times
Curse is mentioned 230 times

Q) What is the source of this affliction?	Signs of those under a curse:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonic assignments 2. Human anger, bitterness, desire for vengeance 3. Sins of previous generations before you 4. Actions in your own life time. Without faith and obedience, no blessing results. 5. Some come from other peoples words 6. Idols 7. Your mouth: 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Loss of job and income 2. Just ready to get a job and you miss it 3. Good things are ready to happen but something bad happens 4. Repeated 'bad luck' - accidents, illness, etc. 5. Sin, weakness, sickness that appears to be a family trait

Power of words:

- Proverbs 11:9
- Proverbs 12:18
- Proverbs 15:4
- Proverbs 18:21
- James 3:5-6; 9-10

Exodus 34:7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

Those with prophetic gifting need to be careful because their words are powerful even when they are wrong.

Types of curses:

- Binding judgments Luke 6:37-38 "Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."
- Judgmental attitudes
- Praying the problem. Harmful spiritual forces released if we pray the problem,
 - God does not need our diagnosis of the problem nor does He need a detailed description of a person's illness.
- Negativity and complaining in your family
- Praying in unbelief
- Praying in fear. What do you want to have happen? Pray the positive outcome. Praying fears makes the feared outcome more real to your heart and imagination and your prayer power goes to work to create the feared outcome. Praying your fears acts like a curse.
- Praying in prideful arrogance
- Praying to control others
- Name calling
- Negative predicting - Charismatic witchcraft
 - "That person will fail, never succeed in life"
 - "You'll always be that way"
- Generational curses: sickness, sin, weakness or traits passed on from previous generations
- We may speak against ourselves in judgmental abusive voice and curse ourselves (speaking out of frustration)
- Idols can bring a curse:

Learn to bless, affirm and encourage

Deuteronomy 7:25-26 You shall burn the carved images of their gods with fire; you shall not covet the silver or gold *that is* on them, nor take *it* for yourselves, lest you be snared by it; for it *is* an abomination to the LORD your God.²⁶ Nor shall you bring an abomination into your house, lest you be doomed to destruction like it. You shall utterly detest it and utterly abhor it, for it *is* an accursed thing.

Romans 12:14-21 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.¹⁶ Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.¹⁸ If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.¹⁹ Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is written, "*Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,*" says the Lord.²⁰ Therefore
*"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
 If he is thirsty, give him a drink;
 For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head."*²¹
 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

How to be free from curses:

1. Don't get in agreement with negative proclamations about you (I am not talking about not receiving correction)
2. Loosing prayer
3. Break their power and establish protection
4. You will need to treat any unbelieving prayers as curses and take authority over them.
5. Don't give the devil any ground to curse you
6. Don't curse others. Curses do boomerang upon the one who sends them.
7. Speak blessing over those who curse you. Blessing can release great and growing goodness into your life and that of others. Take authority over and speak to curses **"In Jesus name I cut off any curse coming against me or my loved ones."**
8. Ask God for discerning of spirits when you see fruit of a curse but are unaware of their origin

BREAKING A CURSE

The way to break a curse is to repent for whatever involvement has occurred on the enemy's territory and rebuke the devil out of your life. You should also pray something along the following lines: "*Father, I ask you first to forgive me for my sins and cleanse me from any area where I have allowed the devil to enter my life. I renounce any involvement with the works of darkness. In the name of Jesus, I now cancel every curse, and Father, I ask you to forgive the people who have spoken them against me. I thank you that those curses will no longer operate against me. In Jesus' name, they are broken right now, by the power of Almighty God. I cancel every evil that was spoken against me and ask you to cover me and my family with your protection according to your Word in Psalm 91."*