

Church of the Promise

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Infusion

Become

Believe

Belong

Befriend

#7 Generational
Bondages

INFUSING ~~#7~~ THE LIFE FOUND IN CHRIST
THROUGH FAITH IN GOD'S VITAL PRECEPTS,
MAKING EVERY MEMBER WHOLE
SPIRIT, SOUL & BODY

and commit gross, terrible sins. They often commit their families and future generations to other gods, demons, Satan, and evil.

Jewish heads of households knew that whatever they did would affect their families for generations. God told them so. In times of crisis, they stood before God and confessed the sins of their families and even the sins of their nation (Nehemiah 1 :4-9, Jeremiah 14:20, Daniel 9:1-19). They realized that the principal family sin or judgment for a Particular sin flows through the family line, affecting later generations that had nothing to do with the sin(s) in question. This same principle still applies today; however, we shall see that generational bondages are easily broken once recognized, repented of, renounced, and cast off in the mighty name of Jesus.

The following is a list of symptoms that may indicate the presence of generational bondages or curses:

I. An inability to prosper

A. The person studies and works very diligently.

B. He acquires skills.

1. Success somehow always seems to elude him.
2. There seems to be a never-ending struggle against something he cannot identify.
3. Failure seems almost inevitable.
4. Somehow, he cannot pinpoint the problem or get a grip on it.
5. One overhears him saying such things as, "Nothing ever works for me. My father had the same problems I do. He was a failure, too."

II. An inability to "be yourself" "

Sage dark, oppressive arm inhibits the full expression of the individual's personality. He never feels completely free to be himself, and there is always some debilitating influence present. He wants to be himself, but somehow the freedom he so desires eludes him.

B. He senses that he has potential within him that is never fully developed.

III. An inability to succeed

- A. The path of this individual seems clear as he moves toward his desired goals, but then some-how he is prevented from finishing the course.
- B. Just before he reaches his goal, something causes him to stumble and fall.
- C. There is no logical or natural reason for failure. It seems that there is some force or influence at work that is not subject to the usual laws of nature and/or the law of averages.
- D. Frustration is commonplace. He finds himself wondering why he can never succeed. This may be true in one or multiple areas of his life.
1. Business
 2. Career
 3. Health
 4. Finances
 5. Interpersonal relationships—Almost always there is a negative effect on marriages and family life; sometimes communities, cities, or even nations are affected.
- E. He may experience certain degrees of success, but there is no fulfillment.
1. Dissatisfaction comes for no known reason. All achievements seem to be insubstantial.
 2. Depression settles like a cloud.
 3. He looks at others and asks himself why he is not fulfilled.

IV. Seven indications of a possible curse (*Deuteronomy 28:15-68*)

- If several of the following symptoms are present, or one or more are repetitive, the probability of a curse increases. However, only the Holy Spirit can provide a totally accurate account. Because this is true, we need to be extremely sensitive in dealing with those experiencing any of the following conditions:
 - A. Mental and/or emotional breakdown
 - B. Repeated or chronic sickness (especially if hereditary)
 - C. Barrenness, a tendency to miscarry, or related female problems
 - D. Breakdown of marriages, and family alienation
 - E. Continuing financial insufficiency
 - F. Being accident-prone
 - G. History of suicides, or unnatural or untimely deaths • A curse cannot come upon the child of God unless he chooses to sin and to continue living an ungodly life. *"Like a fluttering sparrow or a darting swallow, an undeserved curse does not come to rest"* (Proverbs 26:2).

V. Self-imposed curses

- A. Witchcraft (*Deuteronomy 7:25, 26*) exercising control of someone's will
- B. Provocation, intimidation, manipulation, domination
- C. In *Matthew 27:20-26*, the Jews spoke a curse upon themselves—*"His blood be upon us and our children."* Since that time, they have experienced 19 centuries of continual persecution and subjection.

VI. How to break generational bondages and curses

- A. Confess your faith in Christ and in His sacrificial death on your behalf.
 - 1. Believe in your heart that God raised Jesus Christ from the grave (Romans 10:10).
 - 2. Confess with your mouth that you believe this fact (Romans 10:9).
- B. Repent of all rebellion and sin.
- C. Claim forgiveness for all sins.
- D. Forgive anyone who has ever harmed you or wronged you.
- E. Renounce all contact with anything occult or satanic. Pray the prayer for release from any curse from all sins and practices of your forefathers, even to the fourth generation. (This prayer will be spoken by the retreat leader and verbally repeated by all those in attendance.)
- F. Believe you have received it, and go in God's blessings!

EXERCISE:

- Complete the Spiritual Profile
- Pray the Prayer of Renouncement with your leader
- Burn the Profile