

The Power of Blessing

Intro: Proverbs 18:21 “The power of life and death are in the tongue.” Dt 30:19 “I set before you blessings and cursing” Mt 12:36 “Men will give an account for every idle word.”

Definition: A blessing is a word, or series of words that are positive, that are what you want to see come to pass in someone’s life. The word “bless” in scripture implies to cause someone to excel, prosper, abound, or do well. You can look over the course of someone’s life and see if they were blessed or cursed. Someone that is under a curse will have something working against them their whole life. Someone that is blessed will appear to have a golden touch. Everything they touch will prosper, and everything they do will be successful.

1. The Blessing of God

- a. Psalm 133:3
- b. You can see this blessing began with Abraham to Joseph

2. The Blessing of a Male Authority Figure

- a. Esau and Jacob
- b. Aaron over the people Num 6:22-27

3. The power of Blessing 1 Peter 3:9

- a. Turning situations around
- b. Guiding people into their destinies Gen 24:60
- c. Curses: A great hindrance that holds people back

4. Speaking Blessings connected to Revival

- a. Lev 9:22-24
- b. Letting life come from our mouths instead of death

The words we speak over ourselves and others have so much power. Are you negative with your mouth? Be careful! What you say can happen. Satan has a right to bring about the negative you speak because you spoke it. Many people have totally cursed and spoken death over their job, finances, kids, marriage, church, and everything else in their lives. Do you create these by your own mouth?

1. Mental or emotional breakdown: *Do you say things like “It’s driving me crazy,” “I just can’t take it anymore,” “It makes me mad to think....?”*
2. Repeated or chronic sickness (especially hereditary): *“Whenever there’s a bug I catch it,” “I’m sick and tired of.....,” “It runs in the family, so I guess I’m the next to get it?”*
3. Barrenness, miscarriages, or female problems: *“I don’t think I’ll ever get pregnant,” “I’ve got the curse again,” “I just know I’m going to lose this one because I always do?”*
4. Breakdown of marriage and family: *“Somehow I knew my husband would just find another woman,” “In our family we have always fought like cats and dogs,” “The palmreader said my husband would leave me,” “We always fight?”*
5. Continuing financial insufficiency: *“I never can make ends meet-my father was the same,” “I can’t afford to tithe (what a stupid statement that is and a lie from the enemy),” “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 suicide or early deaths: "What's the use of living," "I wish I was out of this life," "over my dead body," "I'd rather die than go on the way I am."

Derek Prince states: What people don't understand is they are letting evil spirits take them over by these statements. You need to really change any negative speaking at all! **Negative words** spoken are curses. Many times people have had parents tell them things like they are worthless and will never amount to anything. These words are curses and can definitely release evil spirits into people's lives. Have you had any authority figure like a parent, uncle, grandparent, school teacher, principal, pastor, or husband speak curses over your life. If you remember them you can break them specifically.

5. The Protection of Blessings Num 22-24 (Balaam and Balak)

- a. Bless your family
- b. Bless your home
- c. Bless your health and finances
- d. Bless your ministry

6. Daily confessions

- a. Blessing your family and ministry etc...
- b. Your Kingdom come and will be done
- c. Speaking God's word

I have also seen people demonized and oppressed because they were the type that were gossips, ran churches and ministers down behind their back, and were used of the devil to split churches and cause division among God's people. God really hates division among his people. I wouldn't want to be the one that was the source of it. Be careful, your mouth can get you into all kind of trouble. If I were you, I would not talk negative about churches and ministers. Also, I would not ever pit people against each other but rather try to be a peace-maker that brings people back together and promotes unity and relationship healing in the Body of Christ.

Closing: The Bible states to love those that hate you and bless those that curse you. Are we truly walking in forgiveness, humility (not judging), love, NOT wanting others downfall, and faith (not fear and/or control).

- God does not choose sides
- Lead a corporate prayer for forgiveness
- Speak blessings