

The Family Verdict Series

Breaking the Family Curse

A Family curse is:

- An invocation or pronouncement of evil, calamity, harm, failure, and even injury upon a person. The evil could be poverty, sickness, failure, marital discord etc.
- The continuous action, habit, or life style perpetrated by a person without regards of its effects; observed, learned and/or practiced by those closely related. This action, habit, or life style has now infiltrated into the psyche of the observed person, which converts into habitual behavior.

It's the baton of self-destructive behavior that is passed down generationally in an unbroken line of predictable patterns

John 9:1-3 "...And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, *who did sin, this man, or his parents*, that he was born blind..."

Exodus 20:5 (AMP) "You shall not bow down yourself to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me"

Exodus 34:7 (NLT) "I lavish unfailing love to a thousand generations. I forgive iniquity, rebellion, and sin. But I do not excuse the guilty. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children and grandchildren; the entire family is affected - even children in the third and fourth generations."

Matthew 27:24-26 "...all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children"

Matthew 12:45 "...with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there"

BREAKING FAMILY CURSES

Galatians 3:13 "*Christ redeemed us* from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."

1. Realize the behavior will consume you and you must learn to hate the results to change the behavior
2. Forgive the person for their actions and its affect upon your life (Mt 6:14-15)
3. Confess your sins resulting from the behavior (1 Jn.1:9)
4. Repent by being Godly sorry for your behavior
5. Renounce (in Jesus' Name) all connections with that which opened the door to the curse. "I renounce and break all connection with....." (i.e. - anger, unfaithfulness, poverty) and declare, "You have no more place in my life and my family ever again"

RELEASING THE BLESSING

- **A CURSE MUST BE REPLACED WITH A BLESSING!**

Not only do we need to get rid of the curses, but also we need to put blessings in their place.

Deut. 23:5 (AMP) "Nevertheless, the Lord your God would not listen to Balaam, but the Lord your *God turned the curse into a blessing to you*, because the Lord your God loves you"