

Proverbs 18:21

²¹ Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

Those who love to kill with their words will receive back a measure of their iniquity from God's hand.

Psalm 109:17

¹⁷ He also loved cursing, so it came to him; And he did not delight in blessing, so it was far from him.

If we love to give life with our words, we will receive life and blessing as our portion from God!

The words that we speak will initiate cycles of cause and effect in people's lives.

Am I prepared to eat my words?

Blessing is to be the trademark of a believer's speech, while cursing is to be left to the wicked.

James 3:9-12

⁹ With [our tongue] we bless *our* Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; ¹⁰ from the same mouth come *both* blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way. ¹¹ Does a fountain send out from the same opening *both* fresh and bitter *water*? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brethren, produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Nor *can* salt water produce fresh.

Luke 6:45

⁴⁵ The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil *man* out of the evil *treasure* brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.

I cannot speak words of life if my heart is full of death. I cannot NOT speak words of life if my heart is full of life.

Acts 4:20

²⁰ for we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard."

I cannot curse if my heart is full of life. I cannot NOT curse if I have no life within myself.

1 Corinthians 12:3

³ Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is accursed"; and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

My words are bearing out my inner life! They are telling on me!

Blessing: speaking words of encouragement from God to/over a person, place, or situation.

Blessings cause things to FLOURISH.

Cursing: speaking words of darkness and gloom to/over a person, place, or situation.

Cursing causes things to WITHER.

A blessing is powerful because it is TRUTH, and has its origin in the mouth of God.

A curse is only powerful if it can find something to attach itself to- either sin or a lie we have believed.

Proverbs 26:2

² Like a sparrow in *its* flitting, like a swallow in *its* flying, So a curse without cause does not alight.

Blessings have power-because they are God's TRUTH-to destroy every competing curse.

Numbers 22:12

¹² God said to Balaam, "Do not go with them; you shall not curse the people, for they are blessed."

We are not to be a people of cursing for harm, but of blessing and giving life!

How can we be like Jesus, full of life-giving words?

John 6:63

⁶³ It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life. If I am full of the Spirit, I will be full of life-giving words.

Isaiah 50:4

⁴ The Lord God has given Me the tongue of disciples, That I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens *Me* morning by morning, He awakens *My* ear to listen as a disciple. If I enter into daily discipleship with my Father in heaven, He will teach me to listen and to speak like Him!

How can I get free from the habit of cursing/faithless negativity?

Change your meditation-

Ditch the garbage you listen to and watch

Ditch the friend who keeps sucking you into that cycle

Take in the blessings of Scripture and begin to speak them over people and circumstances.

Ask God to give you original blessings to speak and pray over the people in your life.

"My children belong to the Lord Jesus. May their lives be full of His presence, and safe from the power of evil."

"I bless my workplace in the name of Jesus. Let it be full of His presence, may my team experience unparalleled productivity, and may salvation come to my co-workers. I bless them with life and joy and peace in Jesus."

"I bless my marriage in the authority of Jesus Christ. I proclaim His peace over our storms, His joy over our seasons of peace, and may our unity be unassailable by the evil one."

"Holly Springs, Canton, Woodstock, Ballground, Jasper, Waleska, be blessed in the name of Jesus. May sin die out in you and righteousness begin to flourish. May your churches be united, and the enemies of righteousness divided. May your elected officials glorify Christ, and govern with a Spirit of Wisdom for the good of all. May your darkness be illuminated, and your lamp never go out. I bless you in the name of Jesus!"