**Family curses** are reoccurring problems within multiple generations of a family that steal, kill, and destroy the family, and the things that surround them. Scripture is clear about the iniquity of the fathers that fall upon the children up to the third and fourth generation (Exodus 20:5). In four generations we can have upwards of 30 ancestors. Curses don’t visit your family without a cause. When someone up the family tree gives demonic spirits the right to visit because of iniquity they come looking for a reason to mess up your life.

You cannot choose your relatives anymore than you can choose skin color, gender, or race. Someone up the family tree could be the cause for a generational curse. A family curse is a payment or “recompense for iniquity.” It is written, “Render unto them a recompense, O LORD, according to the work of their hands. Give them sorrow of heart, thy curse unto them. Persecute and destroy them in anger from under the heavens of the LORD” (Lamentations 3:64-66).

Before you can break **generational curses** we need to identify what they look like. Here is a partial list of **family curses** for your review. Having one of these in your life or family may not indicate a family curse. To have several “reoccurring” ones might. The help of the Holy Spirit is vital in identifying a family curse. As you read this list ask Him to give you a spirit of revelation.

1. **EMOTIONAL INSTABILITY, FEAR**

“The LORD shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart.” (Deuteronomy 28:28)

The first curse we will discuss is emotional instability. Notice the Scripture above says the Lord will “smite with madness.” To be smitten with madness means insanity, craziness, foolishness, senseless behavior, and flakiness. He also uses the term “blindness.” This blindness releases confusion, indecision, and wonderment.

If that’s not enough God follows that with “astonishment of heart” meaning a trembling, unsettled, and fearful heart.

Under this curse one is easily overcome by emotions and fear. These trigger a person to make foolish decisions and do crazy self-destructive things. In this condition a person has a continual inner struggle, internal warfare, and frustration.

Confusion and depression are two key indicators of this family curse.
This curse teaches why some are double-minded and have problems ordering their lives with the word of God and renewing their minds.

2. HEREDITARY FAMILY SICKNESSES
“The LORD shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it. The LORD shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish.” (Deuteronomy 28:21)

Some family sicknesses are reoccurring. Reoccurring is the indication of a family curse. Notice the terms “pestilence” and “consumption.”

This curse releases sicknesses of all kinds. Consumption is a wasting lung disease, infazema, COPD, and lung cancer. Lung cancer is the number three killer.

He also uses terms, “fever” and “inflammation.” These indicate a curse that is evidenced by arthritis. Inflammation of the brain leads to Alzheimer disease. Then we read the term “extreme burning.” Extreme burning means all sorts of strange fevers.

THE BOTCH
“The LORD will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed.” (Deuteronomy 28:27)

The botches are open sores or boils. These can be experienced by those that have problems with wounds that will not heal. Scripture also says, “The LORD shall smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore botch that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head” (Deuteronomy 28:35). This curse attacks legs, soles of the feet, and the top of one’s head.

The Lord didn’t leave any diseases out of this curse. He declared, “Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the LORD bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed.” (Deuteronomy 28:61)

3. BARRENNESS, IMPOTENCE, FEMALE PROBLEMS
“Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.” (Deuteronomy 28:18)

Perhaps you have heard menstrual problems know as “the curse.” Sometimes folklore comes from biblical tradition. Menstrual problems may be the result of a family curse. Scripture says, “Cursed shall be
the fruit of thy body.” The word body, Hebrew beten, means womb, belly, or abdomen. The womb deals with reproduction. Signs of this curse are infections, hormone problems, menstrual problems, PMS, cramps, fibroids, painful sex, barrenness, miscarriages, cysts, tumors, bladder problems, kidney stones. Female problems plague millions of women. Men too can manifest this curse with erectile dysfunction and impotence.

4. FAMILY BREAKDOWNS, DIVORCE
This curse manifest in several ways including divorce, family divides, fights among relatives, families that scatter, no fellowship, jailed children and estranged relationships.

“Thou shalt betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her: thou shalt build an house, and thou shalt not dwell therein: thou shalt plant a vineyard, and shalt not gather the grapes thereof.” (Deuteronomy 28:30)

The divorce rate in America is 50 percent for first marriages, 67 percent for second marriages, and 74% for third marriages according to the Forest Institute of Professional Psychology. In Japan the divorce rate is 27 percent, Singapore 10 percent, and India 1 percent.

Children are also affected by this family curse.

“Thy sons and thy daughters shall be given unto another people, and thine eyes shall look, and fail with longing for them all the day long: and there shall be no might in thine hand.” (Deuteronomy 28:32)

“Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity.” (Deuteronomy 28:41)

The iniquities of the fathers are visited on the children. Here are the stats of family breakdowns affecting children:
- 1.2 million children are born in fatherless homes.
- 1.8 million children are latch key kids.
- 36 percent of kids grow up without a father.
- 75 percent of kids on drugs come from single parent homes.
- 63 percent of youth suicides come from single parent homes.
- 70 percent of teen pregnancies come from single parent homes.
- 75 percent of jailed juveniles come from single parent homes.

5. LACK, POVERTY, INABILITY TO PRODUCE
“Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store (kneading trough).” (Deuteronomy 28:17)

“And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only
oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save thee.”
(Deuteronomy 28:29)

This is a curse on finances. I liken this to the ability to produce. Production is the vehicle toward wealth building. Under this curse one’s ability to get wealth is stopped. People under this curse never have anything saved. They are continually oppressed by bill collectors and what little they accumulate is stolen by the spoilers.

**DEBTORS**
These same people are slaves to their creditors. Scripture declares, “Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things; Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee.” (Deuteronomy 28:47-48)

This family curse of lack and poverty needs to be broken as God’s promise says, “And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work” (2 Corinthians 9:8).

Poverty is not having what you need to do God’s will. It is not the blessing of God to not have the means to accomplish His plan for your life. A person under this curse will squander, waste and get further in debt and bondage. They are candidates for get-rich schemes of all kinds. The blessed man is not focused on material wealth but on fulfilling their purpose in life as they keep and follow the commandments of the Lord putting first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33).

**6. NO AMBITION, VISION, DIRECTION**
“And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save thee.” (Deuteronomy 28:29)

I have met those that have no internal vision for their lives. They set no goals and are blown to and fro by lives circumstances. This curse is revealed in those without ambition. They go aimlessly through life. Ambition is a strong desire to make a difference with your life. It’s a vision, dream, or aspiration to succeed. Those under this curse care less about tomorrow. They are without hope and terribly negative. They “groped” as “blind men” with no direction, constantly uncertain and full of apathy and lukewarmness.
7. BONDAGE AND SLAVERY

“The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low. He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail.” (Deuteronomy 28:43-44)

This person loses his individualism, liberty and freedom. They are easily controlled and manipulated into loss of identity. They lose their personal liberties, can’t make decisions on their own, and must get permission from their masters. This person will look to other gods for provision and protection, not unto the Lord. They are faithless, carnal, and full of idolatry, entertainment, and anything that divides them from the lordship of Christ.

Knowing that God visits the iniquity of the fathers upon the children up to the third and fourth generation has been quite a shocker for some. You have learned however that curses don’t visit the family without a cause. Someone up the family tree could have been the originator. Breaking family curses required you to think about what reoccurring things attack the family. By now we are sure the Holy Spirit has showed you some possibilities.

As we progress in this teaching series you will learn how to break family curses. There is much more to come.

Some say what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas. That sounds like an invitation for sin. Sin, however, affects you, your family and your family descendants. Sin, no matter the location, opens the door for family curses. Family curses are reoccurring problems that steal, kill, and destroy.

There are many family curses that plague from repeated sicknesses, marital problems, to financial failures. If you go to a medical doctor for an examination they will ask you for your family’s medical history. They do that because they know certain diseases reoccur within family lines. It’s the same for generational curses.

The honest person must ask himself how a Christian can suffer from a curse. The short answer is ignorance. For example, most Christians believe that healing belongs to them through the atoning blood of Christ. Scripture confirms this belief declaring, “By His stripes ye are healed” (1 Peter 2:24). There are thousands of examples of Christians receiving healing in their bodies after salvation. It is evident however that other Christians are sick. If healing belongs to them then why are they suffering sickness? The answer is that healing has already been
provided but they have yet to experience it. Another scripture says “Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word” (Romans 10:17). To appropriate anything from the Lord one must know what belongs to them and receive it by faith. The same goes for deliverance from family curses.

The word salvation is the Greek word sozo. “For by grace are ye saved (sozo) through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God” (Ephesians 2:8). Sozo can also translate as deliverance. Jesus spoke of deliverance. He said the Spirit of the Lord was on Him because he was anointed to preach deliverance to the captives. Deliverance is the children’s bread (Matthew 15:22-28). It belongs to you by the will of Christ. He is the one that “went about doing good and healing all that were sick and oppressed of the devil for God was with him” (Acts 10:38). It is not until a believer knows what belongs to him or her can faith for that promise be received.

It is comforting to know that deliverance from family curses belongs to you IF you are a believer in the Jesus Christ. Freedom has already been promised! Scripture declares, “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree” (Galatians 3:13). Redeemed means the recompense for sin and iniquities has already been paid for by the atoning blood of the only begotten Son of God. So as we discuss freedom from family curses in this essay read it with the assurance that deliverance has already been provided to those that receive Christ’ redemption by faith.

INIQUITY OF THE FATHERS
Scripture is clear that God visits the iniquity of the fathers upon the children. These are oftentimes referred as generational curses. I want to use the term family curses to explain. Here is one of our foundational verses toward understanding the source of family curses.

“Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.” (Exodus 20:5)

Notice it is iniquity that God visits upon the family tree of the disobedient. Iniquity is unjust acts, wickedness, amoral behavior, idolatry, sexual sins, rebellion, witchcraft, evil, and mischief. All of us have parents, four grandparents, eight great-grandparents, and sixteen great-great-grandparents. That’s a total of thirty two relatives in our family tree. Could it be possible a family curse was passed down the family line because of one of them?
THE KENNEDY CURSE

The Kennedy family curse has been well documented. Wikipedia writes:

*The Kennedy tragedies, colloquially called the Kennedy Curse, is a term sometimes used to describe a series of tragedies involving members of the Kennedy family. Some have called the continual misfortune of the Kennedy family a curse. Several members of the family have died from unnatural causes, most notably brothers John and Robert, who were assassinated by gunshots in 1963 and 1968, and John, Jr., who was killed in an airplane crash along with his wife and sister-in-law in 1999.*

The existence of such a curse has been disputed by others who have claimed that many of the tragedies have been caused by preventable reckless choices like driving drunk or flying an airplane in unsafe conditions, that others are the natural result of events likely to occur in such a large family like cancer or pregnancy miscarriage, and that the notion of a curse is superstitious and created and fostered by the media.

*The last Kennedy family member to suffer was John F. Kennedy, Jr. John was the oldest and only surviving son of President Kennedy and was killed in a plane crash along with his wife and sister-in-law off the coast of Martha’s Vineyard July 16, 1999. This was a national tragedy bringing back more discussion of the possibility of a Kennedy family curse.*

THE LEE FAMILY CURSE

Many remember the martial arts master known as Bruce Lee. Lee was born Lee Jun-fan. He is considered one of the most influential martial artists of the 20th century, and a cultural icon. Lee was born in San Francisco, California in the United States, to parents of Hong Kong heritage but raised in Hong Kong until his late teens. Upon reaching the age of 18, Lee emigrated to the United States to claim his U.S. Citizenship and receive a higher education. It was during this time he began teaching martial arts, which soon led to film and television roles.

One night he took some medication for a simple headache. Sometime later he suffered a serious allergic reaction causing a cerebral edema. He died at the early age of 32. A month later his classic kung fu move
“Enter the Dragon” was released.

Twenty years later his only son Brandon Lee was working on a movie called “The Crow” about a rock musician revived from the dead to avenge his own murder. During the final days of filming his character was to be shot. The day before a props team member mistook a "squib load", a real bullet in the barrel. The next day another props team loaded the gun with blanks but when the gun was fired it had enough gunpowder to fire the squib load killing the 28-year-old Lee. Like his father, Brandon Lee died young. This was also reported in the media as a family curse.

THE BRANDO FAMILY CURSE
Marlon Brando, Jr. was named the fourth Greatest Male Star of All Time by the American Film Institute, and part of Time magazine's Time 100: The Most Important People of the Century. He was perhaps best known for his roles as Stanley Kowalski in A Streetcar Named Desire (1951) and his Academy Award-winning performance as Terry Malloy in On the Waterfront (1954), both directed by Elia Kazan, and his Academy Award-winning performance as Vito Corleone in Francis Ford Coppola's The Godfather (1972). In middle age he also played Colonel Walter Kurtz in Apocalypse Now (1979), also directed by Coppola, and delivered an Academy Award-nominated performance as Paul in Last Tango in Paris (1972).

Brando’s mother suffered from alcoholism, and his first wife, Anna Kashfi, developed drug and alcohol problems after giving birth to their son Christian. Along with his own drug problems, Christian shot the boyfriend of his half-sister Cheyenne. Dag Drollet, the Tahitian lover of Brando's daughter Cheyenne, died of a gunshot wound after a confrontation with Cheyenne's half-brother Christian at the family's hilltop home above Beverly Hills. Christian, then 31 years old, claimed he was drunk and the shooting was accidental. He was convicted of voluntary manslaughter and served six years of his ten-year sentence.

In an effort to prevent Cheyenne from testifying at Christian’s trial, Marlon Brando sent her to Tahiti so she couldn’t be subpoenaed by U.S. authorities. A year before Christian was released, she committed suicide. Christian Brando died of pneumonia at age 49.

These are three examples of family curses discussed in American newspapers. There have been many more including the Hemingway, Barrymore, and Redgrave families. Some would say this is just plain superstition and think nothing of it. Others, however, might want to think a little more about it especially when they see signs of family
curses within their families. If anything these stories make us question the possibility of real family curses and ask if there is a way of escape. Even though these accounts are saddening the good news is that family curses do not have to continue, they can be stopped.

THE RECOMPENSE FOR INIQUITY

Curses come on families because of sin and disobedience to the Word of God. They are the effect of broken sanctions. Our God is a God of covenant. Every covenant has sanctions. Without sanctions there is no covenant. Sanctions are penalties or other means of enforcement used to provide incentives for obedience with the law, or with rules and regulations. Just as the Bible is full of blessings for obedience there are also penalties when sanctions are broken. These penalties we call family curses.

A curse is a payment or “recompense for iniquity.”

“Render unto them a recompense, O LORD, according to the work of their hands. Give them sorrow of heart, thy curse unto them. Persecute and destroy them in anger from under the heavens of the LORD.” (Lamentations 3:64-66)

Sin has consequences. Scripture declares “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23). Recompense can come as failure, premature death, sickness, diseases, destruction, tragedy, marriage problems, mental illness, suicide, torment, depression, sorrow, grief, lack, hopelessness, confusion, guilt, shame, setbacks, accidents, addictions, reprobate minds, sexual perversions, whoredoms, vagabondism, barrenness, lack, female problems, and fear.

WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS

Las Vegas is known as Sin City. Perhaps you have heard the official Las Vegas tourism slogan “What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas.” Not so when it comes to the repercussions of sin and iniquities flowing down the family line. Scripture says, “Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee” (Deuteronomy 28:45). One may sin in Vegas but the results of those sins never stay in Vegas.

You can run but you can’t hide. That’s because curses pursue and overtake. As we have already discovered disobedience opens the door for family curses, and the recompense for iniquities. These curses can enter through generational curses, sin, fantasy, pornography, unforgiveness, rape, drugs, witchcraft, sexual perversion, serving
others gods, and rebellion.

Sociologist Richard L. Dugdale wrote “The Jukes: A Study in Crime, Pauperism, Disease and Heredity” in 1877. He was a member of the executive committee of the Prison Association of New York that was delegated to visit jails in upstate New York. In a jail in Ulster County he found six members of the same family and recorded their family history. According to his research he claimed to have traced the family’s Hudson Valley roots back seven generations to a colonial frontiersman named Max, whom he described as having been born between 1720 and 1740, a descendant of early Dutch settlers, who lived in the backwoods as a “hunter and fisher, a hard drinker, jolly and companionable, averse to steady toil.” He traced the branch that had produced so many criminals back to a woman he called “Margaret, the Mother of Criminals,” who had married one of Max’s sons.

Max Juke and his wife are examples of a family curse. They were godless atheists. They had 560 descendants. 310 died in poverty, 150 were criminals, 100 alcoholics, 7 murders, and more than half the women were prostitutes.

Contrast that family tree to the Edwards’ family. Jonathan Edwards played a critical role in shaping the First Great Awakening, and oversaw some of the first fires of revival in 1733-1735 at his church in Northampton, Massachusetts. Edwards sermon “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God,” is considered a classic of early American literature, which he delivered during another wave of revival in 1741, following George Whitefield's tour of the Thirteen Colonies.

Jonathan Edwards and wife were committed Christians. Of their 1394 descendants, 294 were college graduates, 13 college presidents, 30 judges, 65 college professors, 75 military officers, 100 missionaries, 100 lawyers, 80 held public office, 3 were U. S. Senators, 3 State Governors, 3 Mayors, 1 Comptroller of the U. S. Treasury and 1 Vice-president of the United States.

The differences between the Juke and Edwards’ family trees are eye opening. God’s word is clear, “The wicked are overthrown and are not but the house of the righteous shall stand” (Proverbs 12:7). The bottom line is that the wages of sin is death. What happens in Vegas, does not stay in Vegas, it follows down the family lineage.
Turning Curses into Blessings

(Link to a Sermon, Click Above and Watch)

• Blessing and Curses are charged words powered with supernatural power either by God or Satan.

• These are usually passes from generation to generation so the origination is usually hard to know.

Exodus 20:3 ³You shall have no other gods before or besides Me.
⁴You shall not make yourself any graven image [to worship it] or any likeness of anything that is in the heavens above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;
⁵You shall not bow down yourself to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, (this is key) visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, (Δ)
⁶But showing mercy and steadfast love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.

• These (often) determine someone’s destiny.

• They never come causeless (it is very important to know the reason).

Genesis 22:16 -17 ¹⁶ and said: “By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son— ¹⁷ blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.

God pronounces judgment Gen 12:1-3
7-fold call, number 6 was a curse of any that curse Abraham and his decedents (the nation of Israel). This is Anti-Semitism. And I will curse him who curses you.
Sources of Curses

Primary reason for curses:

1. Not hearing God's voice
2. Not doing what He says
   * There are seven blessings and seven curses referred to in the law in Scripture.

Seven blessings: (Deuteronomy 28)

(1) Exaltation (joy)
(2) Reproductiveness (finances, crops, children, etc)
(3) Health
(4) Prosperity, success
(5) Victory
(6) That we are the head and not the tail
(7) That we will be above and not beneath

There are seven curses referred to in the same chapter:

(1) Humiliation
(2) Barrenness
(3) Sickness of every kind
(4) Poverty, failure
(5) Defeat
(6) We will be the tail and not the head
(7) We will be below and not above

Indications of Curses:

(1) Mental, emotional breakdown
(2) Repeated sickness, especially hereditary sickness - doctors can't find the cause
(3) Feminine problems - barrenness, miscarriage, menstruation problems
(4) Breakdown of marriage - family alienation
(5) Financial insufficiency, poverty. Sometimes poverty for a short period is just a test but if we are always in poverty it could be a curse.
(6) Accident prone
(7) History of unnatural deaths

A curse can be something like an evil thing moving up from the past. It is like a deep shadow.
Note: Proverbs 26:2 As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.

Therefore, a curse requires a cause to come about.

**REASONS FOR CURSES:**

(1) Having false gods (Exodus 20:3&4, Deuteronomy 27:15)
(2) Disrespect for parents (Deuteronomy 27:16)
(3) Treachery against a neighbor (Deuteronomy 27:17)
(4) Injustice to the weak (Deuteronomy 27:18&19)
(5) Illicit sex (Deuteronomy 27:20-23)
Effect of wrong sexual relationships, particularly those outside of marriage or with members of one's family)
(6) Perjury (Deuteronomy 27:25)
(7) Stealing (Zechariah 5:1-4)
(8) Stinginess towards God (Malachi 3:9)
(9) Perverting gospel (Galatians 1:8&9)
(10) Depending on the flesh (Jeremiah 17:5-6)
(11) Anti-Semitism (Genesis 12:3, Genesis 28:3&14)

**SOURCE OF CURSES:**

1. **God Himself** God blesses and **curses** (Exodus 20:3&5) Breaking the first two commandments:
   - To have no other Gods
   - Idolatry
   (Our God is a jealous God)
2. **All occult practices making occultism your God, e.g. a fortuneteller.** It is the power behind the fortuneteller that matters.
3. **Men who speak on behalf of God**
   (a) Joshua 6:26, ie Joshua said, "Cursed be the man before the Lord who rises up and builds the city Jericho, he shall lay its foundation with his firstborn, and with his youngest he shall set up its gates." This was fulfilled in 1 Kings 16:34 nearly 500 years later when Hiel of Bethel built Jericho, he laid its foundation with Abiram, his first born, and with his youngest son Segub he set up its gates according to the Word of the Lord which he had spoken through Joshua the son of Nun. Thus curses are self-perpetuating.
   (b) 2 Samuel 1:21 Statement by David:
   "Oh mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew, nor let there be rain
upon you, Nor fields of offerings. For the shield of the mighty is cast away there!"

These were the fields of Gilboa upon which Saul and Jonathan had died and David was cursing them. Nearly 3,000 years later this same curse was upon this land and the Jewish people had great difficulty a few years ago in trying to get trees to grow on it.

(c) 2 Kings 5 (Naaman) verse 27, cursed his servant with leprosy forever.

4. God's servants can do this today e.g. Jesus cursed the fig tree and said, "You can do this also."

5. Persons with relational authority e.g. husband over wife, parents over children. Words spoken have supernatural powers. The blessing of the father is important.

(a) Genesis 31 - Jacob and Rachel: Rachel had stolen her father's gods. Jacob did not know this and he said to her father, Laban: "`With whomever you find your gods, do not let him live. In the presence of our brethren, identify what I have of yours and take it with you.' For Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them." (Genesis 31:32) ie, he was in effect saying that she should die, although, of course, he did not know she had stolen them and that she would fake sickness to avoid being discovered. She later died in childbirth.

(b) Examples where husband curses his wife or parents curse their children, e.g a husband says to his wife, "You cannot cook", or the following statements are made in respect of other people including children:
   "You are no good"
   "You are useless"
   "You are a failure"
   "You will never be any good"
   "You are hopeless"
   "You will never achieve anything"
   "You are ugly"
   "You are a bad person"
   "You are always a liar"
   "It's in the family and you are sure to get it" etc

6. Self-imposed curses, which become like inner vows. Examples:
   "I'll never be any good"
   "I'll never forgive myself"
   "God doesn't love me"
   "I'll never speak to..... again"
"I hate myself"
"No-one loves me"
"I want to die, I'm better off dead"

Examples from Scripture:
(a) Genesis 27:13 Rebekah said: "Let your curse be on me"
and in verse 46 she said: "I am weary of my life because of the
daughters of Heth;
...what good will my life be to me?" She brought a curse on herself.
(b) Matthew 27:24&25, the Jews said, "Let His blood be on us and our
descendants".
(c) Peter denied the Lord three times

7. Curses brought on by unscriptural covenants:
Exodus 23:32: "You shall make no covenant with them, nor with their
gods." We are to make no covenant with those who are not committed
as Christians. Freemasonry is an example of that with self-imposed
curses, e.g. the 32nd degree.

2 Corinthians 6:14-17: "Do not be unequally yoked together with
unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness?
And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has
Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And
what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the
temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and
walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people."
Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the
Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you."

8. Curses put on by the servants of Satan e.g. witch doctors, medicine
men, tohungas
etc. Example: Numbers 22:4&6. Note this was a request by Moab to
Balam to pronounce curses on Israel. It was a matter of their gods
versus the true God.
When people fought one another in the old days, they regarded it as a
fight between their gods and the other gods, eg David and Goliath.
1 Samuel 17:43: " So the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that
you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his
gods."

Other reasons for curses:
  1. Objects in homes (Deuteronomy 7:26) We are to have no
abominable thing our home.
  * This can cause children to be disturbed.

  2. Injustice to the weak and hopeless
The American Indians put a curse on the Whitehouse that every President in the 20th yr would die (The Zero Curse).

1840 ... William Henry Harrison
1860 ... Abraham Lincoln
1880 ... James A. Garfield
1900 ... William McKinley
1920 ... Warren G. Harding
1940 ... Franklin D. Roosevelt
1960 ... John F. Kennedy
1980 – Reagan – Curse was broke through intercessional prayer.

3. Soul ties = these are ties to an individual, object or personality which are contrary to God's purposes. Eg, in adultery, fornication (especially past sexual relationships).

Ungodly soul ties can bring spiritual sickness. 1 Corinthians 6:18: "Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body."

**Examples of wrongful sex are as follows:**
- Pre-marital sex
- Perverted sex
- Trial marriages
- Homosexuality
- Lesbianism
- Pornography and fantasy
- Bestiality
- Transvestism
- Sexual abuse

**Consequences:**
(a) Establishment of soul ties and bonding in the flesh other than with God's intended partner.
(b) Guilt and condemnation.
(c) Demonization
(d) Emotional disturbance

**What is sexual abuse?**
Uninvited caressing
Uninvited handling of the sexual areas
Anal handling
Masturbation in front of a person
Forced oral sex
Forced mutual masturbation
Forced intercourse and rape
Bestiality
Ritualistic sex
Incest

- All of these cause fear, confusion, and deception.

**Long term problems:**
(a) Confusion of one's identity, sexuality, physical position and emotional situation.
(b) Causes regression and repression of memories. Causes fantasy.
(c) Breaking of trust.
(d) Causes rebellion including (1) self rejection (2) fear of rejection and (3) anger.
(e) Causes guilt and fear.
(f) Causes inability to respond to love.
(g) Causes desire to die.
(h) Causes physical illness.
(i) Causes damage to the spirit.

Also domination by one person over another, e.g. where a father dominates or sexually abuses his daughter.

**HOW TO BE RELEASED FROM THE CURSE:**
First and foremost we must have accepted Jesus Romans 10:9,10
Deliverance comes through the relationship to the name of Jesus and not a formula or incantation of a name.

1. We must recognize that there is a curse.
2. We must repent from all sin.
3. We must renounce in the name of Jesus Christ.
4. We must resist, eg James 4:7: "Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you."
5. Use the Word of God. The Word of God is powerful and such scriptures as the following can be used:
Psalm 118:17:
"I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD."

We must realize that where there is a negative there should also be a positive. We recall that Peter denied the Lord three times but three times Jesus asked him, "Do you love me?" Peter had to revoke his earlier statement three times.

Where curses have arisen from the servants of Satan, we must recognize Luke 10:19: "Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."
SUMMARY
1. Confess our faith in Jesus Christ.

2. Commit ourselves to be obedient to God and to hear and do what He says.

3. Confess any known sins on our own part or of our ancestors.

4. Forgive others.

5. Renounce the occult on our own part or on the part of our ancestors.

6. Renounce all contact with heathen objects.

CONTINUING WITH THE LORD
1. Pray the Holy Spirit will fill every area of the person's life.

2. Give as much love and encouragement as is necessary and the person can receive.

3. Assure the person that where deliverance has taken place, they need not fear the enemy if they walk properly with God.

4. Encourage the person:
   (a) To be continuously filled with the Holy Spirit.
   (b) Read the Word of God daily.
   (c) Wear the armor of God at all times.
   (d) Be on their guard against the enemy's counter attacks.
   (e) Be in good fellowship with other Christians.
   (f) Walk continuously in forgiveness.
   (g) Praise God in all circumstances.
   (h) Keep the right company.

5. Encourage people to be fully rehabilitated in their emotional responses.
   (a) To present themselves properly, e.g. in dress.
   (b) To continue to re-learn right relationships with others.
   (c) Avoid long-term dependency on others.

6. Acknowledge the truth of Ephesians 1:6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

   Break free from any feeling of being cursed or being an abuse victim!!!
7. Walk in the power of the Holy Spirit, i.e. in the fruit of the Holy Spirit: love (love come first. The ability to give and receive), joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness and temperance (long-suffering is the maturity of the fruit).

1. THE BLOOD SCRIPTURES (Suggest standing, walking and saying these scriptures out loud together or individually)

- Psalm 107:2: "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy."
- Ephesians 1:7: "In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace."

"THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS I AM REDEEMED OUT OF THE HAND OF THE DEVIL. THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS ALL MY SINS ARE FORGIVEN."

- 1 John 1:7: "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."

"THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S SON, IS CLEANSING ME NOW AND CONTINUALLY FROM ALL SIN."

- Romans 5:9: "Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him."

"THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS I AM JUSTIFIED, MADE RIGHTEOUS, JUST AS THOUGH I HAD NEVER SINNED."

- Hebrews 13:12: "Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate."

"THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS I AM SANCTIFIED, MADE HOLY, SET APART TO GOD."

- 1 Corinthians 6:19&20: "Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?" For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

"MY BODY IS A TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. I AM REDEEMED, CLEANSED, SANCTIFIED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS. THEREFORE THE DEVIL HAS NO MORE PLACE IN ME AND NO MORE POWER OVER ME."
THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS I OVERCOME SATAN BY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB AND THE WORD OF MY TESTIMONY.”

2. OCCULT
"Lord Jesus Christ, I confess you are the only Son of God, that You died on the Cross for my sins and rose again. In Your name I now renounce all contact with the occult and in particular I renounce the following involvements in the occult (name the things on the checklist) for...................... I receive Your forgiveness. Thank You Heavenly Father for delivering me in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ."

3. SOULISH TIES
"Dear Heavenly Father, as I come to You in the name of Jesus Christ in the authority that is in that name, I break every soul tie affecting my body, soul or spirit, which has existed between myself and........

............ (name the individual). In the name of Jesus Christ, I specifically speak to every demonic power that has taken advantage of that link and I tell it that it has no rights here and it must leave now without going into any other member of my family. Thank you Lord Jesus that through Your shed blood and through Your wonderful name, I am able to be absolutely free. Thank you Lord."

4. INNER VOWS
"In the name of Jesus Christ, I specifically renounce all vows which I have made, knowing or unknowingly, against myself. I specifically renounce.....(name those vows which you have made and which you know to be wrong). I ask you to totally cleanse me and set me free from the results of those vows and I thank you for doing it."

5. PRONOUNCEMENT AND CURSES
"Heavenly Father, I come to You in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the authority of that name I specifically renounce all curses that have been placed upon my life through the words of those who have abused and damaged me. I forgive them and I ask You Lord to release me from their consequences. Thank You Father, in Jesus' name."

6. FINAL PRAYER:
"Dear Heavenly Father, I come to You in the name of Jesus Christ. I thank You Lord for Your love for me. I confess that Jesus Christ is my Lord and my Saviour and that He died and rose again from the dead. I believe that through the blood of Jesus Christ I have been redeemed from the hand of the devil. I believe that through the blood of Jesus Christ all my sins have been forgiven.
I believe that through the blood of Jesus Christ I have been sanctified, made holy to God.

I believe that through the blood of Jesus Christ I have been justified just as if I had never sinned.

I now confess all my sins. I confess that in my own strength I have been unable to defeat the attacks of the enemy. I specifically renounce the following sexual sin......... I confess I have been wrong. I renounce all pleasure connected with these sins. I now turn from my sin. I ask You, Father, to forgive me all that is past and give me discernment when the temptation arises and the strength to resist it. I ask You to heal my memories and to heal the hurts and forgive me in Jesus name.

I also specifically renounce any other sins such as rejection, unforgiveness. I especially forgive the following persons.................
I specifically honor my parents and I forgive them. I renounce my own sins and the sins of my ancestors in the name of Jesus Christ. I especially renounce all idolatry, witchcraft and everything of the occult and all the hidden things of darkness. I especially renounce all idolatry, witchcraft and everything of the occult and all hidden things of darkness. I believe that at the Cross of Jesus Christ I was delivered from every curse of the law. I call upon You, Lord Jesus, to set me free from every demonic power that has affected me.

Lord, I now renounce Satan and all his works. I hate his demons. I count them my enemies in the name of Jesus. I loose myself from every dark spirit, from every evil influence, from every satanic bondage, from any spirit in me that is not the Spirit of God.
I command all such spirits to leave me now in the name of Jesus.
I call upon You, Lord Jesus, to set me free from every demonic power that has affected me. In the name of Jesus Christ, Risen Saviour, I command every demonic power that has lived within me or oppressed me to leave me now in the name of Jesus Christ. I declare that I am a child of the Living God and that Satan has no right to inhabit any part of me or to oppress me. I thank You Lord Jesus and I give You the glory. Amen."

Possible Demonic Entry Points:
[ ] Abstract art (under hallucinogenic stimulus)
[ ] Acupuncture
[ ] Amulets (tigers claw, sharks tooth, horseshoe over door, mascots, talisman (magic picture)
[ ] Ankh (a cross with a ring top used in satanic rites)
[ ] Apparitions
[ ] Astral travel
[ ] Astrology
[ ] Augury (interpreting omens)
Automatic writing
Birth signs
Black arts
Black magic (involving hidden powers for bad ends)
Black mass
Blood subscriptions (pacts)
Cartomancy (using playing cards)
Chain letters
Charming or enchanting (attempts to use spirit power)
Charms and charming for wart removal
Chinese astrology
Clairaudience (ability to hear voices and sounds super-normally - spirited voices alleging to be those of dead people giving advice or warnings)
Clairsentience (supernatural sense perception)
Clairvoyance (ability to see objects or events spontaneously or super-normally above their normal range of vision - second sight)
Color therapy
Concept therapy
Conjuration (summoning up a spirit by incantation)
Coven (a community of witches)
Crystal ball gazing
Crystals
Death magic (where the name of the sickness plus a written spell is cast into coffin or grave)
Demon worship
Disembodied spirits
Divining rod or twig or pendulum (Hosea 4:12)
Dowsing or witching for water, minerals, under-ground cables, finding out the sex of unborn child using divining rod, pendulum, twig or planchette
Dream interpretation (as with Edgar Cayce books)
Dungeons and dragons
Eastern meditation/religious - Gurus, Mantras, Yoga, Temples etc
Ectoplasm (unknown substance from body of a medium)
Enchanting
E.S.P. (extra sensory perception)
Findhorn Community
Floating trumpets
Fortune telling
Gothic rock music
Gurus
Gypsy curses
Hallucinogenic drugs (cocaine, heroin, marijuana, sniffing glue etc)
Handwriting analysis (for fortune telling)
Hard rock music - Kiss, Led Zeppelin, Rolling Stones
Heavy metal music - examples AC/DC, Guns and Roses (all heavy rock)
Hepatoscopy (examination of liver for interpretation)
Hex signs (hexagrams)
Horoscopes
Hypnotherapy (divination by viewing images in water)
Hypnosis
Idols
Incantations
Iridology (eye diagnosis)
Japanese flower arranging (sun worship)
Jonathan Livingstone Seagull (Reincarnation, Hinduism)
Kabbala (Occult Lore)
Karma
Levitation
Lucky charms or signs of the Zodiac or birthstones
Magic (not sleight of hand but using supernatural power)
Mantras
Martial arts (Aikido, Judo, Karate, Kung fu, Tae Kwan Do etc)
Matthew Manning
Mediums
Mental suggestion
Mental telepathy
Mental therapy
Mesmerism
Metaphysics (study of spirit world)
Mind control
Mind Dynamics
Mind mediumship
Mind reading
Moon-mancy
Motorskopua (mechanical pendulum for diagnosing illness)
Mysticism
Necromancy (conjuring up spirits of the dead)
Numerical symbolism
Numerology
Occultic games
Occult letters of protection
* Such books should be burned, regardless of cost.
Omens
Ouija boards
Pagan fetishes
Pagan religious objects, artifacts and relics
Pagan rites (Voodoo, Sing sings, Corroborees, Fire walking, Umbahda, Macumba)
Palmistry
P (parakineses - control of objects by the power of the mind and will)
Parapsychology (PS) - especially study of demonic activity
Pendulum diagnosis
Phrenology (divining/analysis from the skull)
Planchette (divining)
Precognition (foreknowledge of the occurrence of events)
Psychic healing
Psychic sight
Psychography (use of heart shaped board)
Psychometry (telling fortunes by lifting or holding object belonging to the enquirer)
Punk rock music
Pyramidology (mystic powers associated with models of pyramids)
Rebirthing
Reincarnation
Rhabdomancy (casting sticks into the air for interpreting omens)
Satanism
Seances
Self hypnosis
Significant pagan days
Silva Mind Control (SMC - Psychorientology)
Sorcery
Spells
Spirit knockings or rappings
Star signs
Stichomancy (fortune telling from random reference to books)
Stigmata - occultic types.
Superstitions (self or parents or grandparents)
Table tipping
Tarot cards (22 picture cards for fortune telling)
Tea-leaf reading
Thought transference
Tk (telekineses - objects move around room, instruments play, engines start...)
TM (Transcendental Meditation
Trances
Transmigration
Travel of the soul
UFO fixation
Uri Geller
White magic (invoking hidden powers for "good ends")
Witchcraft
Yoga (involves Eastern demon worship)
Zodiac charms, birthdates
Zodiac signs

Resources:
Generational Curses
http://www.greatbiblestudy.com/generational_curses.php

House Curses
http://www.demonbuster.com/housecu2.html

Masons
http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=7&ved=0CEkQFjAg&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.remnantradio.org%2FArchives%2FBooks%2F\nMasonic%2520orders%2520and%2520degrees%252010%2520.pdf&ei=DcrSTuvG\nMYu2twfQ6uWuDQ&usg=AFQjCNHeiwxo2t0Nae6EYSrZOrCeg-kCOQ

Book:
"Blessing or Curse" by Derek Prince

OPEN DOOR LIST
1. UNFORGIVENESS: List by name if possible, all people (dead or alive) from childhood to the present whom you now have or have ever had any unforgiveness or resentment. Examples: Yourself; natural, step, or adoptive parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, great-great grandparents, brothers/sisters, cousins, nieces/nephews, aunts/uncles; spouse or ex-spouses, their parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, great-great grandparents, brothers/ sisters, cousins, nieces/nephews, aunts/uncles; your children; childhood friends; students, teachers, principles, you went to school with; teammates, coaches; coworkers, bosses, customers; anyone you
dated or lived with; anyone you participated in sexual activities with, anyone that abused you sexual, verbal, physically; anyone you bought or used drugs and alcohol from or with; anyone you committed a crime with; cellmates, corrections officers, wardens, judges, lawyers; any doctors, nurses, surgeons whose care you were under; if you had an abortion, any person, doctor, nurse, that participated with the procedure and the other parent of the aborted baby; any person you participated in occult activities with; people in any club or group you were in.


3. SEXUAL SIN: List all people you have been sexually involved with outside of marriage. Examples: rape, molestation, incest, homosexual/lesbianism, bestiality, oral sex, anyone you had sex with, participated in sexual activities with, used sexual objects or toys with; anyone you lusted or fantasized over, even your spouse if you came together sexually prior to marriage

4. SOUL TIES: List all people (dead or alive) or things that you have had an emotional attachment to or that have had an ungodly control over you. Examples: Yourself; natural, step, or adoptive parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, great-great grandparents, brothers/sisters, cousins, nieces/nephews, aunts/uncles; spouse or ex-spouses, their parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, great-great grandparents, brothers/ sisters, cousins, nieces/nephews, aunts/uncles; your children; childhood friends; students, teachers, principles, you went to school with; teammates, coaches; coworkers7 bosses, customers; anyone you dated or lived with; anyone that abused you verbal or physically; anyone you bought or used drugs and alcohol from or with; anyone you committed a crime with; cellmates, corrections officers, wardens, judges, lawyers; any doctors, nurses, surgeons whose care you were under; if you had an abortion, any person, doctor, nurse, that participated with the procedure, the aborted baby and the other parent of the aborted baby; psychiatrists; pets or animals; music bands, idols, singers, songs; actors, actresses, characters, movies; people in any club or group you were in, Masons; Elk Lodge, Moose Lodge, KKK; etc.
5. COVENANT, VOWS: List the names of individuals or companies that you have ever broken covenants and vows with. Examples: marriages, church membership, bills, foreclosures, bankruptcy, etc.

6. PRIDE: List everything you are prideful of. Examples: do you feel you have a better marriage than others, a better ministry, a better profession, know more Bible than others, more athletic, more knowledgeable, more attractive, etc.

7. IDOLATRY: List all areas of idolatry. What stands between you and God. Examples: spouse, home, job/position, money, children, things you like to do more than the things of God.

8. UNCONFESSED SIN: List any unconfessed sin. Any unconfessed sin will hinder your deliverance. Examples: you may have been born again ten years ago, but today you told a lie, gossiped, or cheated someone.

RENONCING ALL CURSES

Gal. 3: 13 & 14,

LORD JESUS CHRIST, forgive us (me) for failure to align (myself) ourselves with GOD's WILL, known sin and rebellion, emotional stress and trauma, submissions to an ungodly cover, inherited curses, worldly art and music, ownership of unclean objects; failure to cleanse property and places, and tithe; unforgiveness, idolatry, and a lack of separation from the things of the world. We ask for forgiveness, confess contact with the occult, confess sins of the fathers, and renounce evil.

1. Every generational curse that is affecting my destiny is broken in the name of Jesus.

2. I renounce all curses originated from my ancestors, I deactivate the power of those curses in the name of Jesus.

3. All evil pronouncement propelling my life to the same type of failure, misfortune, poverty and marital per faction of my ancestor you are broken in the name of Jesus.

4. Holy Ghost, disconnect me from all curses placed upon my ancestral families now affecting my progress, in the name of Jesus.
5. I break and cancel every curse placed upon me by my parents, either by carelessness, by anger, by mistake in the name of Jesus.

6. By the power of resurrection, I deactivate the power of curses affecting my ancestral family as result of sin and disobedience to God.

7. I break and cancel every curse, evil pronouncements, spell, hex, enchantment, and bewitchment, incantation placed upon me by the kingdom of darkness, in the names Jesus.

8. I break and revoke every blood and soul-tie covenant and yokes attached to those curses, in the name of Jesus.

9. I purge myself of all the evil foods I have eaten in the evil world with the blood of Jesus and purify myself with the fire of the Holy Ghost, in the name of Jesus.

10. All demonic spirits attached to all these covenants and curses, I bound you, come of my life in the Jesus.

11. May the blood of Jesus forgive me of every disobedient to God that introduces curses in my life in Jesus name.

12. Father, Let the blood of Jesus Christ erase all my sins that open door to curses in the Bible

13. Holy Ghost rebukes every caterpillar, and cankerworms that are destroying my finances as s result of curses in Malachi.

14. Lord! Let the blood of Jesus speak for me on any curses in the bible affecting my progress in the name of Jesus

15. Holy Spirit deliver me from all self-inflicted curses either consciously or unconsciously in Jesus name.

16. I retrieve, and cancel every evil word I have spoken at any time of my life, that has brought judgment upon me in the names of Jesus

17. All power implementing evil curses over my life you are defeated in the name of Jesus

18. I reverse all evil pronouncement targeted towards me; turn to blessing in the name of Jesus

19. Every curse pronounces over my life by the demonic people, back to sender.
20. I plead the blood of Jesus against all evil pronouncements affecting my destiny in Jesus name.

21. Under the covenant of the blood of Jesus, I stand to neutralize, and deactivate the power of every curse inflicted on me at any time, because Christ has redeemed me from the curse of the law