

# GENERALTIONAL CURSES - CLOSING DOORS TO THE ENEMY

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God gives us the choice to live a blessed life, all we have to do is make the correct choice.

**Deuteronomy 30:19-20 (NKJV):** I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."

As we go through life, we make hundreds of choices every day. Some of those choices are God based and some are not. The scripture says:

**Romans 14:23 (KJV):** And he that doubts is damned if he eat, because he eats not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

**1 John 1:8 (NKJV):** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**1 John 5:17 (NKJV):** All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death

**Romans 6:23 (NKJV):** For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord

Every time we make a poor choice, we give Satan (enemy) authority in our life. We can become captured in that area of our life and become ensnared in a trap of the enemy.

**Romans 7:23 (NKJV):** But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

**Romans 6:16 (NKJV):** Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?

As a born - again Christian we have a way out.

**1 John 1:9 (NKJV):** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Sometimes it is enough to make a quality decision to repent and stop committing the sin through the grace of God but if we have been captured by that sin it is often very difficult to repent and change our thinking and actions without closing the door to the enemy that allows him to disrupt our thinking harass, torment and afflict us with negative thoughts. Although God does the work in us it is a lot less stressful if we close the door that we left open to the enemy to war against us in our minds as described in Romans 7:23. There is sin that is passed from generation to generation just like there is disease passed from generation to generation. As in the case of disease, just because your parents sinned in a

certain area does not mean you will any more than it is certain you will have every disease or sickness your parents suffered. The doctors will tell you that if there is a history of a certain disease in your bloodline then the odds of you contracting that disease is much higher. I believe sin follows the same pattern. We call this sin a "Generational Curse". It is not enough to be born again to escape sickness, yet the scripture says:

**1 Peter 2:24 (NKJV):** who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness--by whose stripes you were healed.

Yet not every believer is healed. Even though as a born - again believer we have died to sins yet we still sin. Why? Because in order to enter the rest (promise) of God we must mix faith with the promise. We do not automatically receive the promise. We activate the promises of God in our lives through faith.

**Hebrews 4:1-2 (NKJV):** Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

It is written that Jesus hung on the cross so we would be delivered from the curse and live under the promise of Abraham.

**Galatians 3:13-14 (NKJV):** Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

So, we have the promise of The Blessing and we also have the promise that we have been redeemed from the curse. In order to live according to the promise we have received from Jesus Christ and his sacrifice we must activate the promise in our lives through faith (believing God will do what He has promised) and prayer (asking and receiving) and action (living in accordance or seeking and finding and knocking so the door of righteousness will be opened to us and the door of the curse or sin will be closed).

**Matthew 7:7 (NKJV):** "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

I asked the Lord if we are born again why we have to deal with generational curses. After all the curse is of the Old Testament and the law. We are a new creation and old things have passed away. What he impressed on my mind is that although in our modern culture we think of ourselves as independent and separate we are not. We are connected to our families and our bloodlines. We can move thousands of miles away, never talking to our family but we are still part of that family. When Achan sinned (Jos. 7:10-26) he was only one man, but it affected the blessing (promise) of the entire nation and caused defeat at Ai and it cost many lives. I received a vision of hundreds of people walking down a path shoulder to shoulder. A born -again Christian was in the middle of the crowd and was related by birth to all the rest of the people. The born - again Christian confessed his sin, was cleansed by God of that sin, became a new creation and turned to the right only to find that he was trapped in the middle of the throng of people, his relatives, going down the wrong path and could not turn and escape. So, it is not enough to deal with our own sins we must also break any generational curse, or we will be drawn to sin just as our ancestors and family is or was. David puts it this way:

**Proverbs 24:11 (NKJV):** Deliver those who are drawn toward death, And hold back those stumbling to the slaughter.

In the vision the Christian was stumbling to the slaughter hemmed in by past traditions and mindsets. One of the traps of the enemy is to try to keep us ensnared in the ungodly thinking process we inherited or learned from our families and to block the renewing of our mind by the Spirit of God with traditions and mindsets and strongholds. To break out of this trap we must confess the sins of our ancestors just as Israel did.

**Jeremiah 3:25 (NKJV):** We lie down in our shame, and our reproach covers us. For we have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even to this day, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God."

Another picture God showed me so that I could understand this concept is I was a drop of water in a stream flowing downstream in the Spring runoff. There was a huge rock in the middle of the stream that separated the stream into two separate paths of flow. I wanted to go to the left but I was positioned on the right side of the stream and I was swept down the right path by the swift current. In the book of revelation (Rev. 17:15) waters are defined as "peoples, multitudes, nations and tongues". As an example, say I am suffering from the spirit of critical judgmental thinking. That spirit may have come from my family (people); maybe everyone in my family has a critical judgmental spirit and I grew up with it. When I go to school, I hear the same spirit in my teacher, at church, on the TV and radio (multitudes), it is everyone in the United States (nation), in all walks of life and all types of people (tongues). I am surrounded by the critical judgmental spirit. It has made a home in me, it has built up a stronghold, and has developed mindsets in my mind to agree with it. How am I to escape, I have been ensnared and trapped and see life through a critical mindset (blinded by the enemy John 12:40). The first step is to make the choice that I want to change. I have been saved. I have the promise of the covenant. I have the mind of Christ. I have been promised that God would renew my mind in Rom. 12:20. I have been commanded to set aside my former conduct and receive the renewing of my mind in Eph. 4:22. How do I activate this promise and make it a reality in my life. The weapons of God are mighty in tearing down strongholds and casting down mindsets (see 2 Cor. 10:4). What are those weapons? The Bible tells us in Rev. 12:11 that we overcome by the blood of the lamb (the covenant we have with God) and the word of our testimony (our declarations). So, to use these mighty weapons I must speak. I must renounce all authority that has been given to this spirit. It does not matter where the authority came from. Whether I inherited, received it myself, or through a rash vow or an unholy alliance. I must renounce all authority this spirit has. I must renounce the spirit and command it to leave. Finally, I must evoke the covenant and establish Jesus Christ is my Lord and the only authority in my life. By doing this I lose the mighty weapons of God to work in my life. I am not strong enough to go against the current of the stream, but my God is.

Most likely you have already asked God to forgive your sins. To repent of our sins and ask God to forgive us is part of the salvation process. Before you try to close any doors open to the enemy you should examine yourself and make sure you have forgiven all offenses against you or your family. Jesus tells a parable of an unforgiving debtor that though his master forgave his debt in refuse to forgive a debt owed to him. His master threw him in prison until the debt was paid. Jesus makes it clear that the same will happen to us if we do not forgive.

### **Matthew 18:32-35 (NKJV)**

Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. ***So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.***"

If God has turned you over to the tormentor because of unforgiveness, no amount of prayer will change anything until you have paid your debt to forgive.

God is quick to forgive when we repent:

### **1 John 1:9 (NKJV)**

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. But our heavenly Father is faithful

Have you closed the door that sin opened to Satan to attack you and harass you? Have you closed the door that you may have inherited through sin in your bloodline?

**John 9:2 (NKJV):** And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

True Jesus informed his disciples that neither sinned in this case, but he did not rebuke the question but took it seriously. How often did He heal someone and then instruct him "go and sin no more".

Before we discuss the process of closing spiritual doors we must first understand that sin is a spirit.

**1 John 3:4 (NKJV):** Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.

**Ephesians 2:2 (NKJV):** in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

**1 John 4:6 (NKJV):** We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Witchcraft and fear are spirits.

**Acts 16:16 (NKJV):** Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling.

**2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV):** For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Even sickness and infirmities are spirit.

**Mark 9:17 (NKJV):** Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit.

**Mark 9:25 (NKJV):** When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!"

**Luke 9:39 (NKJV):** And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out; it convulses him so that he foams at the mouth, and it departs from him with great difficulty, bruising him.

**Luke 13:11 (NKJV):** And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up.

We are commanded to cleanse ourselves of these spirits that are not holy and are not of God. This commandment is a New Testament commandment.

**2 Corinthians 7:1 (NKJV):** Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

We wrestle against spiritual things. When we are wrestling with cancer, we are wrestling with one of the rulers of darkness of this age and against one of the host of spiritual wickedness in the heavenly places. The same applies when we are wrestling with fear. Since fear is one of the major four areas that can lead to demonic possession, I believe it could also fall under the category of principality or power. I heard a well know evangelist declare that Satan is fear. Therefore, fear could very well be the Major Principality of darkness.

**Ephesians 6:12 (NKJV):** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Our weapons are mighty in God so we must mix our faith with the promise to activate the promise that states we are no longer under the curse, but we are under The Blessing.

**2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NKJV):** For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

Now that we understand that we are dealing with spirits we can discuss the process of closing the doors to those spirits in our lives. The process of closing doors is the same as basic deliverance. There are different mindsets on this subject, but I like the ten-step process.

1. Pray for revelation of doors that need to be closed both on a personal level and on a generational level. Be thorough. Remember that you are dealing with spirits. I have attached a checklist of possible areas of trouble to help you in this step.

2. Confess the sin both on a personal level and a generational level and ask for God to cleanse you of all unrighteousness.

3. Forgiveness is a key to all deliverance. Forgive others but also forgive yourself.

4. Renounce any gain that either you personally or your family or ancestors might have received because of the sin or because of lawlessness. An example is the spirit of anger is often used to manipulate and control people. By using this spirit people can control and manipulate other people and gain their own way.

5. Renounce any and all authority given to the spirit (example: spirit of cancer) intentionally or unintentionally by either you, your family, or your ancestors. The authority may have been given through sin of a different type. For instance, in Rev. 2:20:23 God declares that anyone who practices sexual immorality with the spirit of Jezebel will be cast into a sickbed, both them and their children. So, if you are dealing with sickness ask God to reveal the sin. If He does renounce it as well.

6. Renounce the spirit itself. First you renounce the spirits authority to act in your life and then you renounce the spirit.

7. Make the choice and submit yourself to the new authority in your life, Jesus Christ. This is a spiritual submission and a declaration of Jesus Christ as your Lord and King. Do not make the mistake of just submitting to Jesus Christ in the area of affliction but not giving him authority over all of your life. Any area in your life that is not totally and completely submitted to God is under the authority of Satan.

8. Renounce the ungodly part of the past and the results or consequences of the sin or actions that has put you or your family in bondage. In the name of Jesus, break out of and cast out the spiritual commitments that either you, your family, or your ancestors have made that puts you in bondage to the enemy. Break every ungodly vow and all unholy alliances made by either you, your family or your ancestors.

9. Declare Jesus Christ the only authority in your life. In the name of Jesus, cast out all other authority that has been influencing your life in any manner. (This could be a spiritual influence, a demon or it could be family, friends, church or state etc.).

10. In completion of the process it is extremely important to receive the Holy Spirit and the righteousness of God specific to the area of affliction. Ask the Lord to fill all empty spaces and loose the Holy Spirit in your life. Give the Lord thanks, credit, and the glory. This step is critical because in Matthew 12:43-45 Jesus teaches without doing so you are opening yourself to an even greater affliction by seven more spirits.

If after going through this process you find that you are still being harassed, tormented or afflicted by a spirit then you probably were not specific enough or there is undetected unforgiveness in your heart.

We are experts at deceiving ourselves. Go back through the steps and wait on God to reveal to you where you erred. God wants to reveal His goodness and He will help you make a way to receive that revelation. I believe in being extremely thorough in the area of generational curses because we do not know what has transpired in the past generations. Satan is very patient. If a door is open in your bloodline Satan will wait until the most opportune time to use it. It may be hundreds of years before he chooses to reveal his authority over your bloodline. By the blood of the cross you can claim redemption from any curse, but you must first be aware of it. God states:

**Hosea 4:6 (NKJV):** My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

As a born - again believer we are saved, we have eternal life but the quality of that life here on earth depends on the knowledge we have of Jesus Christ. It is written:

**2 Peter 1:3-4 (NKJV):** as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Trust in the Lord. He s waiting for you to turn to Him and ask for His revelation. His promise is that He will direct your steps. So, depend on Jesus Christ. Often, we depend on anointed men of God to pray for us but the most effective and efficient means of receiving deliverance is by going to Jesus Christ, allowing Him to communicate with you and lead you though the process. We cannot do it by our own will. Often the Lord may lead you to spirit filled men to help you. Usually when I go up for prayer I already have the victory. I already know I will be delivered because the Lord has impressed that deliverance in my heart and showed me what I must do to receive.

Here are some sample prayers that you can use in this process. As a born - again believer use the steps outlined and let the Holy Spirit guide you in how you should pray for your specific circumstance.

### **PRAYER FOR REVELATION**

In the name of Jesus, I ask You Father God to bring to my mind anything and everything that I, my family or my ancestors have done knowingly or unknowingly that makes us vulnerable to attack by our spiritual enemy. Reveal to me any unforgiveness in my heart. I ask for the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. In the name of Jesus, who is the Truth, I ask that You Father reveal to me all the ways that I, my family or our my ancestors have believed the lies, deceived ourselves or allowed fear to master us that has left a door open to Satan in our bloodline. I want to renounce each of them and, in so doing, cancel out any and all ground Satan may have gained in our lives. I thank you that you died on the cross to set me free Lord Jesus and I thanks be to God who always gives us victory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **PRAYER FOR CLOSING DOORS**

Lord, I confess that I, a family member, or my ancestors have agreed with the spirit of \_\_\_\_\_. I confess I have sinned against the LORD our God, I, my family and our ancestors, from our youth even to

this day, and have not always obeyed the voice of the LORD our God or made the right choice of blessing and life. If I said that there is no sin in us, then I would be a liar. I know it was evil and offensive in Your sight. I ask for and receive Your forgiveness for me and my entire family from the beginning of time until the end of time. Thank You for Your forgiveness and for cleansing me and my bloodline of all unrighteousness. (Repeat for every offense)

I renounce any and all involvement that I, my family, or our ancestors have with the spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ and the sin of \_\_\_\_\_. I cancel out any and all ground that the enemy gained in our lives through this activity by the blood of the precious lamb slain for us, Jesus Christ. (Repeat for every offense)

In the name of Jesus, I renounce any gifts or gain that we have received from the enemy (Satan) because of this sin and through the spirit of \_\_\_\_\_. (Repeat for every offense)

In the name of Jesus, I renounce any authority I, my family or my ancestors have given to the spirit of \_\_\_\_\_. (Repeat for every offense)

In the name of Jesus, I renounce the spirit of \_\_\_\_\_. (Repeat for every offense)

I submit myself, my family, and my ancestors to the authority of Jesus Christ as the only authority in our lives. He is our Lord, our King and our Savior. In the name of Jesus, we renounce the ungodly part of the past and the results and consequences of our actions. We are the redeemed of the Lord and we say so.

In the name of Jesus, I break out of and cast out the spiritual commitments I, my family or my ancestors have made that puts us in bondage to the enemy. By the blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and the blood covenant we have with God Almighty we break every ungodly vow and unholy alliance in our bloodline.

In the name of Jesus, I cast out any and all unholy authority that has been guiding our lives. I declare Jesus Christ the only authority in our life. I bind and break off of me and my family every evil, wicked, unclean spirit and all principalities, powers, rulers of darkness of this evil age and the host of spiritual wickedness in the heavenly places, all occult activity, all curses, sorcery, hexes, divination and all soul power that does not glorify our Lord Jesus Christ. By the blood I break all unholy soul ties and I take back what is mine washed in the blood and return what is not mine washed in the blood of Jesus.

In the name of Jesus, we receive the Holy Spirit. We break any and all unholy alliances that we or our ancestors have made and break all generational curses and close all doors to Satan and his demons. We receive the righteousness of God. We ask that the Holy Spirit fill any empty space and we lose Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit to have their way in our lives.

In the name and authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, I command Satan and all evil spirits to release me (and my family) in order that we can be free to know and to choose to do the will of God. It is written if anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. I am the temple of God and the spirit of God dwells in me. I am holy. As the temple of the living God, I command every evil spirit to leave my presence. I belong to God and the evil one cannot touch me. In accordance with Psalm 149:9 and execute the written judgment of God in 1 Cor. 3:17.

We give the Lord thanks, credit, and the glory.

May God Bless You and Keep You.

May the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give your peace.