







"Blessings and Curses"

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Sailing Ship. controlled by a rudder

James (3:4) compares it to the 'tongue' - words have the ability to control us. (Blessings and Curses)

I. Two Types of Words:

Are spoken into our life (we receive or reject them)
They have the power to impact our life (+/-)
They can be passed down generationally(Ex.20:5-6)

- Blessings: God will cause you to prosper, flourish, grow, succeed.
 - God will use you; work through you, enjoy you...
- Curses: "Nothing you do will prosper."
 Will bring defeat, destruction, even death... (Deut.28:45)
 - Note: Words spoken by people in authority over us.

Question: But is it Biblical?

- How does curses work? Prov.26:2
 - Words are spoken over our life
 - We hear them and choose- Believe or no
 - Receive (allow in) or Renounce (reject)
 - They begin to work.

Application: Bound by words... Jer.17:5-8

II. Dealing with Curses:

- Breaking a Curse: Renounce the curse
 - 1. Recognizing the Curse: See fruit; Cause?
 - 2. Acknowledge the work of Christ: Gal.3:13-14; Matt.21:21-22
 - 3. Renounce the Curse "in Jesus Name." Repent & Forgive (those who cursed you)
 - 4. Commit yourself to obedience
- Receiving a Blessings: Replace a curse with God's blessing in your life.
 - 1. Acknowledge God's love- you are His child
 - 2. Ask Him to fill you with His Blessings— that He has promised.
 - 3. Commit yourself to be obedient to His Word. (Deut.28:1-2)

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