

Bless You

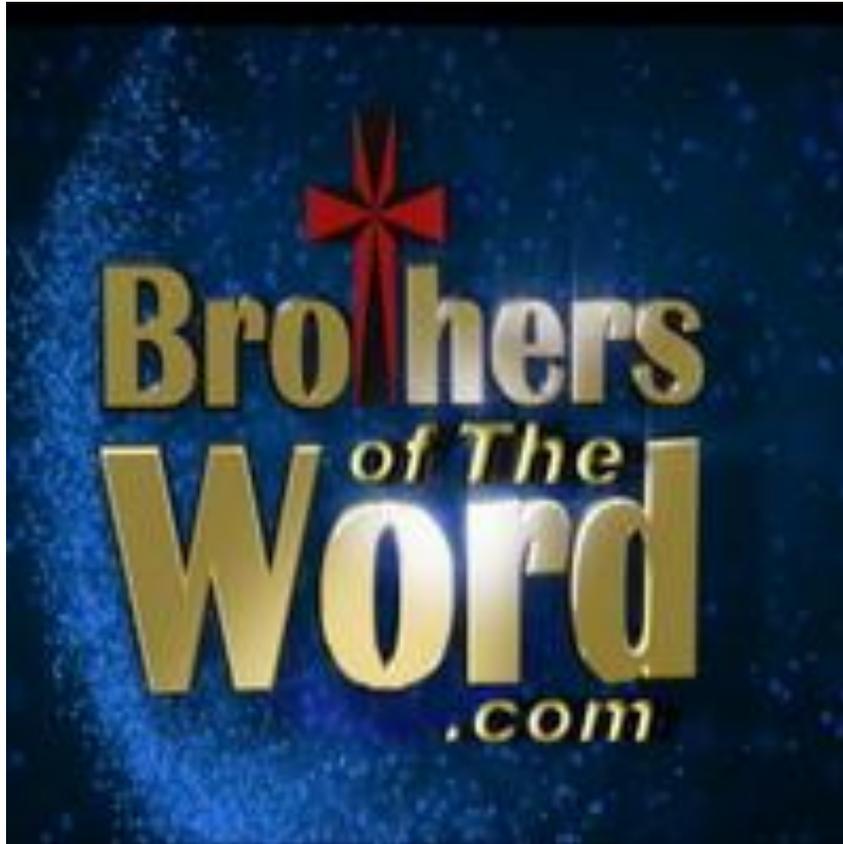
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Nathaniel Bronner: If you would open your Bibles to the Book of Deuteronomy, the Book of Deuteronomy, that's right near the beginning of the Bible. You've got Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus Numbers, and then the Book of Deuteronomy, and if you would turn to the 11th chapter of the Book of Deuteronomy.

Now for those of you that have been here, you know that I have been preaching for the last few messages on the breaking of generational or family curses and I have gone through detail after detail to show you that they -- they exist, and they are still here among the church body. And God in the Old Testament fundamentally outlined all of the curses that fell upon the people that He said, He will put upon the people if they did not obey His word.

And in the Book of Deuteronomy, primarily in the 28th chapter, he outlines both the blessings and the curses. And He spends over three times as many verses with the curses than He does the blessings. And all of those curses fundamentally fell into seven categories. And I will name again those seven categories in order that God named them.

The first category was the Category of Money, or more specifically the lack of money. God simply put it in term sometimes as a food of the last stock or your land being blessed. It all boiled down in a nutshell to money. He spent more verses dealing with that than any other single of the seven areas.

And last week God instructed me just to have testimony and we had seven testimonies, and out of the seven testimonies, the vast majority of them related to that first category, the arena of money.

The second category was the Lack or Loss of Children. The third category was Confusion of Spirit, Direction, Mission and Purpose. It's a curse sometimes not to even know where you are going, what you are going to do, what your future holds for you. You are lost in a limbo, that was one of the curses that God put upon the people when He said they did not obey His word.

The fourth category was in the Arena of Disease. It's not in God's will that we be sick. God ordained and want for all of His people health. The disease is one of the categories that He said,

I will curse you with this and that and the other, and He named some pretty terrible stuff.

The fifth category was the Conquering by Enemies. He said, I will send against your enemies that will take over, conquer you, steal your stuff and leave you in bad shape.

The next category was the Loss of Honor and Respect, and the seventh category was Bad Marriage, and all of the curses that you find fit into one of those seven categories.

And as I look even over Christianity and saw what was in the church, I saw all of those seven categories still operate just as strong as they were have in the Old Testament. Every single one of them, and in many instances all seven of them will operate at the same time.

So, I saw just in the church body, just among the confessing Christians, I saw all of the curses operating and God had instructed me, teach the people how to break and how to come out from under-generational or family curse. They are real people. And as I was driving home last Sunday, leaving church, God showed me something in the spirit that I should speak from today, and sometimes it's simply a flash of insight but yet that flash of insight is the -- it's a foundational thing and it's one of the major things as to what has so many of us still operating in these curses today because we operate in them, it's just no two-way. We are not supposed to be, but we are.

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And if you don't believe it, just think of ten folks you know and think of how many people you know out of the ten are not wrestling with something in those seven areas more than one of them? It's very rare that you find anybody just wrestling with them in one area, then you have a multiplicity of the areas. And if you name ten people, ten people that you know confess Christ, I'm not talking about ten negroes, ten people that you know confess Christ and you will find those seven areas of operating. But God wants you out of that people. He wants you to be a blessed, a happy, a whole people and He does not want to operate under any of those curses. Well, how preacher, do I do that?

In the 27th Chapter of the Book of Deuteronomy, I'll begin reading at the 11th verse of that book, Deuteronomy Chapter 27 beginning at verse number 11, the King James Version

“And Moses charged the people the same day, saying, These shall stand upon mount Gerizim to bless the people, when ye are come over Jordan; Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Joseph, and Benjamin: And these shall stand upon mount Ebal to curse; Reuben, Gad, Asher, and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali. And the Levites shall speak, and say unto all the men of Israel with a loud voice, Cursed be the man that maketh any graven or molten image, an abomination unto the Lord, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and putteth it in a secret place. And all the people shall answer and say, Amen. Cursed be he that setteth light by his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that removeth his neighbour's landmark. And all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that maketh the blind to wander out of the way. And all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that perverteth the judgment of the stranger, fatherless, and widow, and all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that lieth with his father's wife; because he uncovereth his father's skirt, and all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that lieth with any manner of beast, and all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that lieth with his sister, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother, and all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that lieth with his mother in law, and all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that smiteth his neighbour secretly, and all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person, and all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them, and all the people shall say, Amen.”

And the thing about these series of verses and in the next chapter, God gets into the blessings and the cursing, but the unusual thing about this is God shows me, if a God had all of the people to verbally confirm the curses, He didn't have them to say anything about the blesses. And the people shall say, Amen.

Everyone of the curses, everyone of the family so the people will be cursed, God says and all the people shall say, Amen. He has the Levi, He has the people repeat Amen, which means and so it is or so shall it be, with all of the curses God has the people

confirm it with their own mouth, when you read about the blessings then say that. And God was trying to show me something even then dealing with that, and did you know, when God -- when He outlined these -- there were 12 things that he says, cursed be that.

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Do you know those 12 things, first of all, they are not that hard to do? When you really look at the 12 things, they are not that hard to do. First thing He said, you shall not have or making the other God before you. You shall not make any idols and set them up in secret, that's not hard to do. If you are a Christian, you should have no problems not making idol God.

Now in the modern world, we don't actually make graven images, we set up things in our hearts that we put before God. That's the way that happens. Second thing He says, He says, you shall not take light or shed light of thy parent. What that simply means is this. You ought to honor what your parents say, you shall not dishonor your parents. Don't take what they say lightly. There has always been a curse, it comes on you when not -- when you don't disobey, it's just always a curse that comes on you when you don't disobey your parents.

One of the things even in marriage counseling, one of the first thing I will ask people, I say what did your parents think about this marriage? In most cases, where there really have been, I mean that sometimes you have got different levels of marital problems, you have got a low level, you know, where you just have little spat and then you got to high level, where they have got butcher knives at each other.

In every instance, where there is that real high level, every instance and parents told them don't marry that person. Every instance they dishonored and they didn't do what the parents say and as a result, there is always a curse that comes on when you don't do what your parents say. Parents say you shouldn't move your neighbor's boundary line; in other words, you don't just steal from your neighbor.

Fourth thing He said, don't leave the bland or stray on the road, that simply refers to whenever you have authority or leadership over someone who doesn't know to wait, it means don't mislead

them. At least, don't take them on a wrong path and see sometimes, you can be out and seen in the world, you are stepping, you get an innocent person and you dragged them into the same thing, you get a triple penalty. If you don't see it, at least do it all by yourself. Don't drag an innocent person into it because that brings even an additional curse.

Next thing, the fifth thing, He says is don't be unjust to the powerless, to the power, and basically don't be unjust to those that are weak that cannot care themselves.

The sixth through the ninth thing had to do with don't have illicit sexual affairs with certain people. So don't sleep with your father's wife. Actually, that didn't mean the actual mother because oftentimes, the dad would have more than one wife. So, He said, don't sleep with your father's wife, don't sleep with your sister, don't sleep with any animals, and don't sleep with your mother-in-law. You all don't have a big problem in doing that.

So you see, really when you look at it, these 12 laws and the last, the number 10 and 11th said basically don't smite thy neighbor in secret, meaning don't kill thy neighbor and the 11th law said, don't become a hitman. Said don't take a bribe to slate an innocent person, that's what we call in the modern terminology a hitman, so don't become a hitman.

And the 12th thing said, do all these of 11 things. And when you really look at it, these 12 things are really not that difficult, matter of fact, they are pretty easy. They are really not that difficult, but God had six of the tribes put on Mount Gerizim and He has six of the tribes put on Mount Ebal to represent the blessing and the cursing, and they were big mountains with a big valley in between.

And what God was saying in the Old Testament is the same thing He was saying in the New Testament. Even He was on the blessed mountain or even you were on the cursed mountain, there was no middle round. Either you headed to hell or you are headed to heaven. You know that on the Earth sometimes, there is a middle class. You can have the very upper class that's super rich, you can have those living in abject poverty, and then you have a huge middle class, but in the Old Testament, there were two mountains.

And in the New Testament, there is nothing but heaven or hell. There is no middle class. You either go into heaven or you go into hell. Now, heaven may have levels in, there maybe those greater and lesser, but Jesus said, even of John, the Baptist, He said even the least in heaven is greater than He.

So even if you are at the bottom of heaven, you are still in real good shape but that there is no middle ground and even if you are at the top of hell, you are still in bad shape. There was no middle ground. He set them up on those two mountains, separated by valleys so the people could see and they could look this way.

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He said, I set before the blessing and curses, life and death, choose you which one you want. And He set them up on mountains so the people could see and they could hear and they could look up on the mountains so there is something about stuff that's elevated up high that people can see, even all about transmitting towers.

Now, everything where you really want to reach out to people you got to put it up high. Do you know even now, there are more churches with the name Mount in it than any other word? There are more churches with the name Mount in it than Jesus. There are more churches with the name Mount in it than God. There are more churches with the name Mount in it than spirits. There are more churches with the name Mount in it than words. There are more churches with the name Mount in it than any other single word.

God had a special thing that's happened up on the mountains as some significance just to the mountains. First of all, you had to climb up on the mountain and that's never easy. I don't know how many of you all have ever been mountain climbing but that's not an easy thing. I don't like mountains. Now, they say it in my roast that I am an adventure but there is one thing I don't fool in it as mountains. Mountains, I just don't like. I have gone mountain climbing when I went to the Grand Canyon and we climbed up the Canyon and I didn't like it one bit because it was too easy to fall off, you climb around, scooting on these legs and just one for me.

That just wasn't my style, I just don't like mountains but the God will tell you, even when we had, he had to get up on a root, I don't like ladders, well the kind of somebody, I can fly a plane with no problem, but I don't like mountains and I don't like ladders, I don't like climbing up on those shaky ladders, going 30, 40 feet in that and I don't like climbing on mountains.

So climbing mountains folks, first of all, if you've ever climbed a mountain it's a scary feel, it's a risky feel because there is always the danger of falling and it takes a lot of energy to get up there. And even getting to the word of God, there is a danger of falling.

Do you know when you stepped, when you decided to come out of the world and you decided to walk a pure path, it's like -- it's like of course, it would take some energy to get there, you just can't -- you can always fall down easy but it takes some energy to get up. And that is always where God really delivered His holy words with book on the mountains.

None have been to valley but drive own, all the stuff on the mountain, the word was up on the mountain. You had to struggle and sweat to get up there and even get an understanding, to get a wisdom, to get experience, you have to go up on the mountains. So, God put both prides, six on one mountain and six on the other mountain to represent the blessings and the curses and there was no middle ground.

And when they proclaimed the curses, and the people said Amen, and that thing stuck with me and God started ministering to me about it. Do you know, people, most of the cursings is in our lives, we see it amen on. We have said so be it, we have said and so it is, we have said let it be so, we have said this is just the way it is, we have said it's always been this way, we have said I can't do any better, I can't do anything about it, we have said, Lord, this is when my lighting life, I was destined with, we have said about so many of the things in life that we have areas that are cursed, we have said Amen.

And God wants you to change that because there is a tremendous power in what you say amen to, and we sometimes, will even do it subconsciously without even thinking about it. Do you know, you can tell the difference between a blessed and a

cursed person without knowing anything about their life, all you have to do is listen to them for a while. That's all you have to do.

See what they are saying amen to. All you have to do is listen to them for a while, you don't have to ask a thing, just listen to them for a while. If they are blessed, you will start hearing blessed situations and speech come out of their mouth.

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If they are cursed, you will start hearing cursed situation and cursed speech start coming out of them.

All you have to do is listen. What are you saying Amen to people, what are you saying Amen to, what are you saying and so it is? You see, the only time number one, and that's why God has given you so much preliminary dealing with these curses before I started giving you specific. So you got to understand some things about it. A lot of you all are saying Amen to your curses.

And the saying is this way is got to be this way, it is always been this way and that's the way it is, and so it is Amen. You are saying Amen to your curses, and the only way you will ever get out of a situation is when you stop saying Amen to it.

You see as long as you are comfortable with the situation, as well as you have decided to accept the situation, as long as you are go and sit there and take the situation, you know, you never change it. You would be in the thing to the day you die. Only when you get fed up, tired up, say, I am not going to stand for this anymore. I am going to make some changes. I am no longer going to allow this in my life. Only when you get to that point where you really start breaking some curses because see, let me tell you, some people, some of the curses are caused by many different things, some by environment, some by habit, some by genetic and some by demonic, and every one of them think power when you try to get them out.

When you read in the Bible and you ever see demons cast out. Some demons don't come out of you. They holler, they scream, fold forward to mouth, they shake, they fall down. People that are stuck up in your life that you know shouldn't be that as curse in your life is going to fight for it very likely inside, get it

out. It will holler and scream and throw you to the ground trying to get it out.

But the thing about it is you got to run it out, because see whatever you get them, it's got a real strong grip on you. It's not an easy thing to get anything out because it's got a good strong grip and it's close, a down in you, and you are trying to put it out, just pulling at your skin and you holler, but you have got to get a point, you see whenever you make up your mind, that you will no longer tolerate this.

When you stop saying Amen to all these curses, no people, it does not have to be that way. I don't care if you were born in it, you don't have to die in it. It does not have to be that way. God says, you can be free. He sent His son to let you know you can be free people, but even when sending His son what is the path that lead unto destruction and many thereof shall answer narrow be the gate that lead us unto light and soon there be to even find. I am talking about who want to go in. There is not a single be, but a few find the door, and even after you find the door you got to go in it.

So, it's only going to be a few. I set before you this day blessing and curses, choose you. I set before you life and death. I set before you the broad path of the narrow gate. And on the broad path it's going to always be crowded. You've got plenty of company, you are going to have plenty friends on the broad path.

On the narrow path, often you will walk it all by yourself. And you look around to see where your companions are, to see where your friends are, to see where your homies are and they won't be there because they are not on the narrow path. They are on the broad path, but that broad path has always been filled with those curses and you find on that broad path those seven areas overflowing, but in order for you to get on that narrow path, and that's why if you ever climb the mountain, there is never a broad path of a mountain, it's never broad. That's why I didn't like it. I mean the leech, was about a size but you step on it -- going on the mountain like this, and it's a scary thing. I say, what is (00:24:41) got me out. I mean, I got all the pain. I paid my money to come out here for an adventure. I am having a rope. You know you see it in the movie they have a rope castle, at least if I fall, I'd be -- I had no rope, it was about 200 feet down, I

am up that going around and look seeing like that. It's a narrow path getting around a mountain, and I didn't like it.

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It's a narrow path to go up a mountain. But at that point, I wanted a broad, low path. I didn't want anything to do with climate and going around that mountain on that little bit because it's scary and it weren't comfortable, people -- when God will fix you in a way and He will take you out from some of the things that you have been in, first of all you will get scared, you will be uncomfortable, you will be by yourself, you see one thing about it, nobody can understand, you get the whole lot, you've got to take about 60 all by yourself and number one, I did not want to be close to anybody else, so I didn't want anybody else to lose that grip, reach over and grab me and throw me down.

So, I made sure that I was a good distance from everyone else because one of the things my feet is real big. So, I had -- look, I had good understanding of getting around that. I can hold onto some of the most -- some of (00:26:07) feet, tripping and slipping and slide. I didn't want him grabbing me and throwing me out in a ditch. So, I had to -- I was led by myself, getting around it, but I was upraised. Mountains have always been harder to climb and things are worst in the valley. But the word was never in the valley, only the dry bones, always to get the word.

Moses had to go up on the mountain and he had to go up on the mountain and he had to go up on the mountain and he had to stay up on the mountain 40 days and 40 nights with no food and with no water, that wasn't easy, and she sometimes hear in the word of God, it's going to get uncomfortable, it's going get straining for, it will be something that we want to do, it's going - - the flesh is going to cry out, but in order for you to get rid of some of these characters, you are going to have to do something that you have never done, you are going to have to do something that's going to be uncomfortable to you and you are going to have to start talking in a different manner than the way you have been talking.

How many of you all know anyone that does not have any problems? Raise your hand, because I sure want to meet them if you do. I mean if you all know anyone that does not have any problems. Not a soul? So that means that all of us, everyone

that we know has problems. You see, I don't know anyone that does not have problem but I do know people that don't focus on their problems and walk and live in joy because I am one of them. I don't know anyone that doesn't have problems, but I do know a few people that don't focus on their problems and won't enjoy and people that's going to be one of the keys of learning how to even break a curse in your life is to first of all, start changing some ways that we even think about some things. You always going to have problems and see all seven of those area you are going to have some problems, all seven of them. You always going to have some money situations. I don't care how rich you get, so I am going to go plenty with your money sometime or another. If you've got plenty of them, you are going to have problem before trying to steal it. So, you are going to have problems, one, you'll have problems with folks trying to sue you, you'll have problem with this, you'll always have problems no matter what. You'll have problems in every single one of those areas.

If you have children, you are going to have problems with them, I don't care how plain your children are, sooner or later they are going to give you some kind of ways, you will want a child and got ended up and they go through the teenage years, they go through the two, they go, so there always going to be some problems, they are all seven of those areas from your money to your marriage. I don't care how sane wife is, she made me an angel with a halo to just go right, sooner or later you are going to have some problems out of that woman, that's because all to it.

So, sooner or later you will always have problems in all of those areas, life is not about you never had any problems because you are going to have them and I explained you the minute that the thing that differentiates a curse from a problem is often the duration and the cyclical pattern of it.

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When you are under a curse, the things happen over and over and over and over and over again, and you have been in it so long you can't even remember when you ever out of it. That's the thing that differentiates a curse from just something that happens on a temporary basis and some of the vicissitudes of life. There is a difference between those two.

So, we want to deal with how do we -- how do we break those curses, how do we break the patterns that have been on us for so long and -- and sometimes things will happen, and I will use myself as an example just to show you how even the way that we speak and the way that our mind is geared can oftentimes block us from a blessing.

And let me explain this to you. Anytime you have a blessing that God has ordained for you and is waiting there for you and you don't get it, that's an automatic curse. If God has a blessing for you and you don't get it, that's an automatic curse. And I have had some things in my life where I have said amen to some things and God has to take me and He has to shake me and He had to remake me so that my speech and my talk became different.

The car that I rode this morning is a good testimony about that. When I became pastor of this church, God told me, He said go buy you another car, and I checked with my brother James and with my brother Dale and both of them recommended very strongly that I go buy an S Series Mercedes. That wasn't a car I wanted. When I went to the Mercedes dealership the S Series was not what I wanted, I wanted that convertible, because that's more my style.

But then God spoke to me and He said no, that's not the car for you, it's the other one. I didn't want that car, I wanted the convertible, but I learned the hard way. You all say the hard way.

I have learned the hard way that it is far better to listen to what God says and if God told me that the convertible was not for me, I wouldn't go buy the convertible because I would be scared to death driving around in that convertible and God had told me not to.

See, I had that problem with a cursed motorcycle. And I told you, years ago I bought a motorcycle, I bought it at an auction, and God told me there at the auction, He said, don't pay over \$1,500 for this motorcycle, but I knew the motorcycle was worth about \$5,000. So the man had -- the dealer had been there and he had left a bid on the motorcycle at \$1,800, so when the bid

came up and he had this standing bid, I bid over his \$1,800. I violated what God told me to do with that motorcycle.

And I knew I had problems the minute I cranked it up. Cranked it up, big cloud of white smoke came out. I drove it off the lot, the front wheel was bent, it was wobbling; the clutch was worn. I had to drive it straight to the shop. It looked awesome. You couldn't tell anything was wrong with it by looking at it, but the minute I drove off, I had to drive it straight to the shop. It cost me over \$2,000 to get the thing back in running shape.

I kept the motorcycle for a few years and -- and it always had a problem with the first gear, it had a notch on it and every time I accelerated hard, it just bumped, and -- and it always reminded me, every time I took off in that motorcycle and it bumped, it reminded me as if God was saying, I told you. And every time I took it out, I told you, I told you not to buy this motorcycle. Didn't you hear me when I told you? I tried to tell you, but you wouldn't listen. I told you.

And every time -- see, some of you are right now, you are going, see, I told you. I told you not to get in this thing. I told you not to date him. I told you -- you know, some of you right now, you have got that same I told you problem, because you violated what the Spirit of God put in your heart and you didn't listen.

And that motorcycle was a curse. I mean it was a curse. I got ready to sell the motorcycle. I said I am going to sell this cursed thing. I got ready to sell it and I couldn't sell it. I couldn't sell it because when I went to get the title, there was something about it, when I bought it at an auction, the company that auctioned it went out of business.

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And the folks at the title office said look -- so I went and I filled out everything, they said everything was fine. Three or four weeks later they sent me back the papers that I needed from them. I have gone or sent someone down to that title office six times and have never still been able to get the title on that motorcycle.

I sold the motorcycle to a friend of mine, and the friend called me about four weeks after I sold it to him and said, you know,

the motorcycle you sold to me, he said I was just driving it around the parking lot, because I didn't have the title, because you hadn't gotten it yet, and the motor just locked up on me. He said can you help me pay for some of the damage on the motor? And God just spoke to me, He said, it's a curse that you had never bought it. I said look, how much does the thing cost? The thing was going to cost like \$1,800 to get the motor fixed. I sent him \$1,200 to get him a new motor, because I knew the thing was cursed and he would have had it.

See, not only when you disobey God, not only do you curse yourself, you curse around you. So when I had to go into my pocket to write that check, it was like when I wrote it, it was like, I told you, I told you not to buy the motorcycle.

And then I finally went and finally was able to -- I finally sent my sister down to the title office, because he had been asking me for the title, and finally she came back and she said Mr. Bronner, you can get the title but you have got to have a bond to even get the title, and the bond is going to cost \$20. I said this cursed thing will not let me rest.

And -- and it was -- it was a symbolism of a curse. The thing was repetitious in everything that touched around it. Everything was going wrong. It was a curse, but it was a curse because I had not obeyed what God told me.

So that's why when I say, I wanted the convertible, but God said don't get it, you see I had the experience. I had learned the hard way.

Now, it will be good people if we could learn the easy way. The easy way is simply to read the Word of God. Listen to the pastor. Listen to our parents. Listen to those that are correct and have the vision. That's the easy way. It would be great if we could learn the easy way, but sometimes, not only sometimes, most of the times we have to go through, I told you so, and we have to go through that so we learn the hard way.

So, I went out and I bought the car that God told me to buy. And when I went to buy the car, the car cost \$83,000. That was a problem I had. And it was not because of the money, it was not because I couldn't afford the car; I really had enough money to buy the car cash. God told me don't put a thing down on the car.

I put zero down on that car. The problem was the note on the car is \$1,703 a month.

And I mean I was complaining about that note, because see, first of all, I really bought the car for you all; I didn't buy the car for me, because I will have the other thing, and I understand it more and more, because as we go to Wiley Jackson and I sit under him as a mentor, he just bought him a S Series Mercedes. He paid \$143,000; at least I didn't feel too bad about it. But he got through at the end, he said, people, I didn't buy that car for me; I bought that car for you all. And I began to understand what God was doing, but the problem I had was that \$1,703 every month.

And one day I was riding around and I just said, Lord, it's \$1,703, and God spoke to me and He said, do you have any problem paying the note? I said no. He said well, what are you fussing about then? And it taught me something for the second time. That's the second time God has told me to shut up by complaining about something.

I preached a sermon once called "Shut Up", and that basis came from when I was pumping gas years ago and I was complaining and fussing about the cost of gas. And God told me this. He spoke just as plain, He said shut up. He said you make multiples of what most folks make and they have got to pay the same thing per gallon you have got to pay. He said you ought to be thanking Me and thanking about the blessing instead of sitting here fussing. He said shut up. So that was the second time that I really had to deal with God telling me to shut up and stop complaining when He has provided.

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And then as I began to look back and think about just that cost, about a week ago I was fussing again about it, because the thing -- the thing of \$1,703 every month, I said Lord, I said that thing is \$450 a week by the time I get through the insurance with it, that thing cost about \$7.50 an hour. I was just fussing about the thing. And I asked the Lord, I said Lord, we have got to sell this car. And He told me you can sell it in one year.

And I was relieved about that. I said at least I will get rid of this note in one year. And I was laying up in the bed on Saturday

morning and God spoke, as He was speaking about the car and He said but, He said but wait until you see what you are going to replace it with.

And I went and I told my brother James that, and he said, do you remember the prophecy that Collins told you while he was here? I said what prophecy, I don't remember any prophecy? He said remember he told you that you -- what did he tell me?

He said I was going to have to sell that car and upgrade it. Now, I was sitting here fussing about the \$1,703, and God said, yes, you can sell that in a year, but the part I didn't know, He was going to put me in something even higher than that. And then I began to look back and think, why did I have the problem with the car? It came from inheritance, because my daddy was like that. My daddy was like that.

See, it wasn't that I couldn't afford it, and people, let me -- let me get this you, I don't mean for you all to go out and try to get you all that -- let me make this real clear, because somebody will go out and say my pastor told me to go out and don't worry about it. No, I didn't tell you that. You go out and you buy you anything you can as long as you can comfortably afford it, because some of you all may not be able to afford even \$1.99 a month situation. Some of you all need to be on a model car, that's all you need, so don't you go out.

The principle, if you are going to follow the pastor, the pastor -- live by this rule, the pastor only gets what he can afford and comfortable and is never estranged, that's the rule I live by.

So, my father was really the one that put me in that thing, because my daddy was, I don't want to use the word cheap, but he was economically frugal. And my father was a millionaire yet he drove around in a beat-up old Buick. And he talked with me more than any of the other sons and he always grilled it into my head, he said; I remember just like it was yesterday, he said, son, he said, a small man need a big car so he can be seen, and that was grilled in my head.

And my daddy would never buy a new car; he always drove an old car and the same spirit got on me. And as a result, not only was the Mercedes the most expensive car that I had ever bought, people, it was the first new car that I had ever bought in

my adult life. I had never bought a new car in my adult life, but I could have well afforded it years ago, but I didn't buy it because my dad had drilled it into me. I saw my daddy driving an old raggedy car. I saw my daddy who said it was just a waste of money. I saw my daddy and I followed his example, and as a result the same spirit that was on my father got on me.

Now, my other brothers got the spirit of my momma. Momma didn't believe in driving an old raggedy car. See, that was momma's spirit, so my other brothers, they have got the spirit of momma, but my father, he didn't believe in buying any fancy clothes, he didn't believe in buying any fancy cars, and he wouldn't buy any fancy housing, it was the spirit of my father, and you see it required that to become successful in business starting from where he started.

You will never be successful in business spending all your money on stuff that depreciates real fast. But then as God began to reveal onto me, it wasn't so much that it was a curse, but it was a major limitation. And God has to just start showing me, this is where you got it from, and He said, I am going to break you, because see, my father had a certain destiny, but He said I am going to take you further than your father went. He said if I am going to take you further than your father went, you cannot think exactly like your daddy thought. There are some things where you will have to think differently and act.

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It took a lot to break me out of that thinking because it was -- the thing is in me so deep that every time -- and I guess God didn't want me to pay for the car, because he wanted me to have a note so he could go through to train me with some things, and to break some things that were in me.

And see, some of you all have got some stuff, but it's not even stuff like that. Some of you all have got the opposite spirit in you. You have got a spirit where you want to spend every dime you get your hands on, in a hurry. You have got your credit card all up to the limit and everything, you know, you have got the opposite spirit on you. And see, that thing will become even a greater curse.

The thing that I had on me, it wasn't so much that it was a curse, but it was a limitation. God wants to take the limits off of you and He wants to take the curses off of you, and He has to show me just through some things that I had to, first of all, stop speaking, because even though I was riding around in a super expensive, a super fine car, I didn't appreciate the blessing.

And people, you can have a blessing, but if you speak it like it's a curse, you have got a curse. You can have a blessing, but if you speak it like it's a curse, if you say amen to the curse, it's a curse. And so many of us in reality people, you are not really walking in curses, what you are doing is cursing your blessing, and you have got to understand the difference there. When you really stop and take stock of some things, you are really not walking in cursing; you are cursing your blessing.

Sometimes even one of the first thing I will do with -- dealing with couples as they are having problems in marriage is I say look, write down all the good stuff about him and you write down all the good stuff about her, and then you write down all the bad stuff about him and then the bad stuff about her.

And you know what happens universally, the list of the good stuff is way longer than the list of the bad stuff. Sometimes the bad stuff really is just annoying kind of thing. It's not even major; it's minor, annoying kind of thing. All of the major stuff, the list is long, but they are just as mad at each other as they can be, because they have started speaking, cursing over their blessing, and they have turned a blessing into a curse.

People, God wants you all to stop saying amen to curses and to begin to speak blessing over your stuff. And my title of the message this day is simply Bless You. He wants you to start speaking blessing over your stuff and see it begins with a change of mentality.

Some of you all have got the finest stuff in the world, but you curse it. Got the finest family in the world, but you curse it. Some of you sometimes even look at your body and you curse your body. Chad, look at me, I have got these old thunder thighs, and your thunder thighs carry you everywhere you need to go. Your thunder thighs get you up these stairs, your thunder thighs get you around, they get you everywhere you want to go, but yet we will curse on things.

And when you start speaking at people, your -- your thighs will hear you. Do you understand that, your thighs will hear you and when -- your thighs will hear you and your thighs will say, they don't appreciate me hauling them around, taking them everywhere they want to go, and there they are calling me ugly, calling me this, they don't -- I am going to show them.

And all of a sudden the thighs that you -- you had no problem, all of a sudden now they start aching on you and you don't know why, and all of a sudden they start paining and you can't walk, and you don't know, because you cursed your blessing.

And when we start understanding all of the things that really God has blessed us with, we are really oftentimes cursing over nitpicky stuff. It's not even real stuff, it's nitpicky stuff, and then you don't appreciate thunder thighs until you see somebody in a wheelchair with their shriveled-up legs.

So people, sometimes we have got to understand, just like when I was walking around, at one point I was cursing my feet, because people used to make fun of my feet, thought they were so big when I was young, and I didn't understand some things in life, if I could have swap my feet up, I would have, but when I got on that leg, I would say Lord, thank you for this understanding.

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See, you don't understand something. And we end up cursing our blessing, saying amen to things that should not be. God wants you people to be blessed, but He could give you the finest car in the world and you can still curse it. He can give you the finest wife in the world and you can still curse it. Give you the best husband in the world, and you can still curse it.

It is with the power of your word that God -- that's why God has the people saying amen because they have the people confirmed in their curse. Some of you all are confirmed in your curse and the same with the blessing. You all will go, I am okay -- I don't care what church you go to, stuff is never going to be perfect and anybody that tells you to get out of that church in a hurry, stuff is never going to be perfect. You will always have some things wrong, but if you ever learn and see, another thing about the

principle, if you start blessing some things, things will come into life if that's what you speak.

Upon yesterday, my wife gave me a birthday party that was like no other party that I have ever seen. She really put the thing on and -- and really put a lot of energy and a lot of effort into it, and -- and I am going to tell you people, she is a blessing.

And do you know on Thanksgiving Day I woke up and I told her, I said Puddin, I am thankful for you, Puddin, I didn't even know she had all that going on, but see, people, sometimes -- see, she told you -- some people call her Traci, some people call her Simone and some call her Puddin. Many of you all don't know why I called her Simone. Her name was Traci, Simone is her middle name. Before I married my wife, God told me the woman she is is Traci, but the woman she shall be is Simone.

I started calling her what she was going to be, not what she was, because to be honest with you, that first year she was a doozy, I was married to Traci, that first year she was a doozy, but you see, I always knew, and I had no question in my mind because God had told me so, I always knew where she was going. And what you saw last night was Simone and you see, sometimes people, if we have got the blessing and the thing is the blessing may not look like a blessing at the time, because generally whenever you get something, it is not in its developed stage at the time.

You start a business, the business ain't no business when you first started, that's taking all your money, taking all your time, you can't see how in the world you are going to make it, it looks like a curse, and if you ever speak the words of your mouth, you turn your blessing into a curse.

People, you need to just start calling, you call things that are not as though they were. You see, you may not be able to see them, but as long as you are standing on a foundation of God and as long -- now, if you are walking on a path that God has told, see, there is nothing I could have done with that motorcycle but get rid of it, and even after I got rid of it, it is still a curse for me from a distance.

So I had to get rid of that curse thing because it was a violation, but you know what, I bought me a brand new motorcycle, I sure

did, but I had to wait one solid year before I bought that motorcycle and I still don't know why.

I wanted to get rid of the thing because it was so -- but God told me you can buy another motorcycle in one year. I still to this day don't know why He made me wait that long to buy that motorcycle, but I wasn't going to buy it before that year, because you know why, because I had learned the hard way. And see, one time -- once God teaches you a few things the hard way, stop cursing your blessing.

I want you to just turn right quick to the Book of John, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The verse that you have heard so many times over, but I want you to get this and I want you to see this thing from a different point, because really God has set before you blessing and cursing.

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But I want you to understand this also, the blessing and cursing even transfers to the mind, it would always transfer to the spoken words. When the children came in to be blessed by the father, it was through a spoken blessing. Curse has always meant a spoken thing, and it's what you are speaking folks, and are you speaking curses or are you speaking blessings.

In John, beginning with the first verse:

John 1:1-5:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."

Now, I want you to understand some things about what this verse says. The verse says and the Word was God. Now, in the third verse, the Bible says, "All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life."

And I have to ask, I said, now, wait a minute, why did it switch from using the Word God to Him? It used God in the first two

verses, then why didn't it just simply say all things were made by God and without God was not any thing made that was made. In God was life, and the life was the light of men? Why did it switch and why did the writer say Him instead of God, like it would have been clearer just to continue using the word God, because He said and the Word was God, and Him sometimes can represent an in-specific pronoun because it stood for both of them. Because it's saying the Word was God.

So people, you can take and substitute for that Word Him, the Word. And when you read that third verse of that First Chapter of John, you substitute the Word for Him, it gives you a little bit different meaning. All things were made by the Word and without the Word was not any thing made that was made. In the Word was life; and the life was the light of men.

People, the Word and your word will make your world. The Bible over in Psalms, the 82 Chapter, the Sixth Verse, "I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High."

Jesus referenced that verse over in John 10:34.

John 10:34-36

"Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?"

The Bible tells you that God and the Word are the same thing. And there was nothing made that was not made by the Word. People, I can guarantee you, when you look into your life, everything that has been manifested you have spoken. And it is manifested through either one of two ways; by the power of your words you have either brought it into existence or failed to get it out of existence. You have either brought it into existence or failed to get it out by the power of your word, by what you are saying amen to.

God wants to take so many of you to so many different lessons, but you are limited by what you think, you are limited by what you say.

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You think you are limited by who your daddy was or who your mother was, and they have placed upon you certain behavior patterns and certain thought patterns that when God comes in, that's why they have to be reborn. My daddy would have never driven a Mercedes. So if I am going to drive one, I either got one or two jerk, he is like don't drive. I drive it cursing it or I am reborn. And if you don't know me, you know which one I am going to choose. I even don't drive it. I drive it cursing it, or I am reborn. And each one of you will have those same three choices with some things in your life because most of us, we have got powers and had both good and bad because there was a flesh and there would be some good things if they will put us and there will be some things that God will have to get out and each one of you are going to have to ask yourself, you are going to have to make a decision based on those three paths.

You either won't do it, what God has, so you will do it cursing the thing and anything that you continually curse, you are going to lose. Anything that you continually curse, you are going to lose. Do you know people in a relationship, you know somebody you can constantly place in your blessings that you won't leave them.

Did you know that you don't leave them and every time, you look at a bad man you listen to him, and you talk with me, he said this about me, she said that about me, and there is no blessing, they are blessing it out, but they are not blessing them up. Anything that you curse, you will eventually lose. But see some of the things that we are cursing are blessings and some of the things we are blessing are cursed things.

And it begins simply with the power of our words and it begins with the power of Lord, and I say to you today, people, bless you. I have had some wrangles with God myself in getting mentality and thought, and there was a point in which Elijah told David, I am not on salvage if the church that never had me. But one day I will be because I know that first of all, it is a divine ordained thing and I note for me, not to be as out of order but I knew -- I knew it one time and I wasn't in a need or hurry for the money but I knew that it was proper order and I asked God about it, see you have got to question about something, just ask to Lord about something.

I said Lord, when and if am I supposed to even get any personal money from the church? This is what God told me, He says when those chairs in the aisle are filled. When those chairs in the aisle are filled, He said that will be the time. But you know what I said then? I said, well Lord, I said that people can't give me that much money anyway and this is what God spoke to me, He said, why would you curse the people like that?

I said wooh! See that's one thing about it, whenever you hear from God, you hear both sides of it, see you didn't hear all praises all the time. God will correct you, if you really hear it from God, you won't hear some corrected stuff because that's what this word, this word is not at all praises, that's why I am curses of that.

You don't hear some corrective stuff. He says why will you curse the people like that? And I had to stop and the thing shook me because see whenever something is dead, truly, if it hits you dead in a gut like a baseball bat, He said why would you curse the people like that? Why would you say they can't give you that much because you put a limitation on them, how do you don't go with them, how do you know in your congregation, you don't have 10 future multi-millionaires out there because if I spoke that word, it would limit you.

So I retracted that word right there and I said, Lord, the people are going to overflowing, they will be able to bless me with that beyond that that I can't even imagine, that's what I have to teach because it was coming out of my mouth. And see, that's why you got to be cautious with your leader because your leader can speak some stuff over you to mess you up. And how many of you all want to be messed up, you don't want to be limited.

So God has to even bring correction to me then as I so and so clearly and I begin to see how the words of our mouth, people, be careful of what we speak because we have the power of blessing and the power of cursing within our bare mouth.

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And even when God, as we go through the series and we learn how to break the curse and if you don't change the way you talk to, people don't have the curse on them. He can bless you and

you still have no mentality to move any higher. And sometimes, people believe me, habits are strong, habits are strong, and when we get in a mess, we get so comfortable in it. Listen I have had, just like we had to deal with anybody, you had to get me out of my habit because I was -- I didn't need to be honest about it.

I didn't need, I didn't even need a new car but I did have more problems other than a new car. They would breakdown, you have to spend more time with repairing them, I haven't had any breakdown on a new car. My air-condition happened a bit and whatever, it hadn't broke down, I have been rolling with it, but I can tell you that God wants to take you to some places but He can't take the old one, you can't put new one in old skin. You got to give us some new one, He has to change, He has to renew our minds, will He ever be able to take you to some places?

See some of you all want to go but you ain't ready to go, because when He takes you, you are not going to be ready for it. I have had instance, even the office where I am in right now, I was in my old office for 17 years, we had bought the building where my new office was, God told me to go ahead and move to the new office but I was comfortable in the old office, I didn't want to move because I was comfortable, a lot of hassle to move, I didn't want to move, I stayed in that office for month until one day God just completely shut down and wiped my computer clean and I knew that it was a sign, I got it moved.

Sometimes, people, and I preach the sermon on that called Going up the God's Mountain, even my office sits on a mountain. The building where we are forth and industrial is the largest industrial park in the South Eastern United States, where my office sits at the highest point of that whole place. We've got two radio towers. People come out and they want to rent space on the building because they say you sit on a mountain top. My old office was down in the valley.

God was trying to get me to go up to the mountain but I didn't want to go because I was comfortable. See, some of you people all get comfortable in your curses. You have been in it for so long, you have gotten used to them like some old bunions on your feet. You know the bunions, they have been there so long, you are just comfortable with your bunions.

God wants to take you to a higher place to get rid of those curses but if He begins to break the curses, people, we have got to be really ready and have the frame of mind and spirit to go to the mountain. Bless you! Bow your heads.

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you this day for the word that has come forth, and dear Father, I pray right now bless the people, bless them dear Father, but dear Father, let them be prepared to recognize and receive the blessing when it comes. For often blessings don't come in the close that we think. They will often come in disguise and it may not be clear and we will curse the blessing. Dear Father give them discernment, so they can see the blessing, they can see the blessing that is to come, but more than anything help them to be able to see the blessing with all that is there.

And to remove the cursed word from their mouth and let it know more across their lips, but we have been cursing some things that are blessing. We have been cursing some restraints that are really not restraints, they are seatbelts, that's keeping us from flying through the windshield. We have been cursing some things that you have placed in our lives for our salvation.

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Dear Father, I pray that you give us the discernment that we shall note and we should be able to see and will be able to recognize some of the things we got from our fathers and our grandfathers and our great grandfathers that we need to break free some to go to the destiny that you have assigned us. Let us see dear Father. Let us see. Let us see, and let them be blessed.

In Thy's son, Jesus' name, we pray. Amen!

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