

Sanctification Day By Day

Blessings

Understanding How to Manifest the Blessings of God in
Your Life and With Those You Love

An excerpt from the book *It's Time to Fight:
Equipping the Body of Christ to Effectively and
Successfully Wage War with the Enemy*

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INTRODUCTION

I'm Angela Grover, founder of Sanctification Day By Day and the Y.E.S Community, and I'm so excited to share this Blessing chapter from my upcoming book *It's Time to Fight: Equipping the Body of Christ to Effectively and Successfully Wage War with the Enemy*.

Do you believe that God wants to bless you and through you bless others?

The word "blessing" has become a very common word even among those that are not Christians. However, we see from the Bible that it was and can still be a very powerful tool in our arsenal against satan.

Do you believe that curses still exist today?

This is an important point to discuss and study because curses can stop the blessings of God from being manifested in our lives.

God has not equipped us to fail in our fight with satan but to be overcomers in every aspect! Hallelujah! Praise the LORD!!

Let's start standing on God's promises and blessings! Let's start seeing these blessings being manifested in our lives! And let's start blessing others with sincerity and intentionality!

Your Sister in Christ,

Angela

P.S Please read to the end since I have included a link to a free blessing calendar to download and print so you can start blessings others today! 😊

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Chapter 9

WHAT'S OUR EQUIPMENT – PART 2

Blessings

What is a Curse and Are There Still Curses Today?

You cannot talk about blessings without talking about curses. Where obedience produces blessings disobedience (sin) leads or produces curses.

While I believe most Christians believe in blessings they do not believe in curses. I think part of the reason is because people don't truly understand Galatians 3 where Paul is talking about that we are no longer under the curse of the law. So before we get into blessings let's first discuss Galatians and if curses still exist today.

Galatians 3:13

But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."

There are two ways that Jesus redeemed us from the curse of the law:

1) His Blood

Jesus shed His blood for us. On that cross Jesus set aside His Godhood, was disconnected from God and took on our sin. He became our redeemer so that our relationship with God could be restored. Through faith in Jesus Christ we can become righteous. Jesus is the eternal sacrifice...

Hebrews 10:11-12

Under the old covenant, the priest stands before the altar day after day, offering sacrifices that can never take away sins. But our High Priest (Jesus) offered himself to God as one sacrifice for sins, good for all time.

2) The Holy Spirit

Once Jesus ascended to heaven he sent the Holy Spirit to us. Because of the Holy Spirit we can now have the power to say "no" to sin. Because of the power of the Holy Spirit we want to follow and obey Jesus' commands (and laws). Because of the Holy Spirit we have discernment of what is and what is not pleasing to God.

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John 16:5-10

But now I am going away to the one who sent me, and none of you has asked me where I am going. Instead, you are very sad. But it is actually best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Counselor won't come. If I do go away, he will come because I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convince the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment. The world's sin is unbelief in me. Righteousness is available because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more.

So now that we know how Jesus redeemed us from the curse of the law. We need to understand what the curse was in the first place.

Romans 7:7-12

Well, then, am I suggesting that the law of God is evil? Of course not! The law is not sinful, but it was the law that showed me my sin. I would never have known that coveting is wrong if the law had not said, "Do not covet." But sin took advantage of this law and aroused all kinds of forbidden desires within me. If there were no law, sin would not have that power. I felt fine when I did not understand what the law demanded. But when I learned the truth, I realized that I had broken the law and was a sinner, doomed to die. So the good law which was supposed to show me the way of life, instead gave me the death penalty. Sin took advantage of the law and fooled me; it took the good law and used it to make me guilty of death. But still, the law itself is holy and right and good.

The curse of the law was the fact that we could never follow the law and therefore we were doomed to death. Jesus broke that curse with his blood and sending us the Holy Spirit which gives us the power to follow the law.

In the above Scripture Paul says ". I felt fine when I did not understand what the law demanded. But when I learned the truth, I realized that I had broken the law and was a sinner, doomed to die." What is Paul talking about? Well, under the old covenant we needed to follow the law to be righteous. But what happened was they followed the law outwardly but their hearts were far away (Matthew 15:7-10). Jesus came and explained the law...

Matthew 5:21-22 and 27-28

"You have heard that the law of Moses says, "Do not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment." But say, if you are angry with someone you are subject to judgment."

"You have heard that the law of Moses says, "Do not commit adultery." But I say, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust in his eye has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

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So Paul is saying that now that we understand the extent of the law we realize that there is no way to can keep the law. We need Jesus, our Saviour, to make us righteous.

So the curse of the law is death because we cannot possibly keep the law. Jesus broke that curse with his blood and sending us the Holy Spirit which gives us the power to follow the law. We are saved through faith.

Galatians 3:10-13

But those who depend on the law to make them right with God are under his curse, for the Scriptures say, "Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all these commands that are written in God's Book of the Law." Consequently, it is clear that no one can ever be right with God by trying to keep the law. For the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life." How different from this way of faith is the way of law, which says, "If you wish to find life by obeying the law, you must obey all of its commands." But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing.

Does this mean we can disregard the law? No!

Matthew 5:17-18

Don't misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to fulfill them. I assure you, until heaven and earth disappear, even the smallest detail of God's law will remain until its purpose is achieved.

In the above verse Jesus is telling us that the law still stands which means that although the curse of the law is gone we still need to obey the law. Disobeying the law means sin and Jesus didn't come to give us permission to sin.

What I want to stress is that if the law still stands then we absolutely need to be knowledgeable about the laws because some of the laws have curses attached to them. And believe me satan is well aware of which laws those are! So if the law stands then curses still stand.

Here are just two examples of laws that have curses attached to them:

i) The 5th commandment is...

Deuteronomy 5:16

Honor your father and mother, as the LORD your God commanded you.

There is a curse linked to this law. If you break this law you come under a curse.

Deuteronomy 27:16

Cursed is anyone who despises father or mother.

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ii) The 2nd commandment is...

Deuteronomy 5:8

Do not make idols of any kind...

Curse linked to this law is found in...

Deuteronomy 27:15

Cursed is anyone who carves or casts idols and secretly sets them up. These idols, the work of craftsmen, are detestable to the LORD.

To summarize there is nowhere in the Bible that says Jesus came and got rid of the curses that God put into place. In Revelations chapters 21 and 22 John is describing what the new Jerusalem will be like after the tribulation.

Revelations 22:3

No longer will anything be cursed.

Why would God specifically mention, in Revelations, that there will be a time in the future where curses won't exist? Maybe because they still exist today??

Number 23:19

God is not a man that he should lie. He is not a human, that he should change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?

Jesus even cursed a fig tree that you can read about in Mark 11: 12-26.

Not all curses are tied to laws but I just wanted to show you some examples. I hope this helps you understand that curses do exist and not all of them are by witches and satanists. We cannot fight against what we don't acknowledge. There are even curses in the Bible that effect generations in a family. Curses can easily be dealt with! The first step acknowledging that they exist.

Our words are powerful and they can either curse people or bless them! So with that let's get into blessings.

What is a Blessing?

Where a curse is to inflict harm on someone (either a person through words or objects) a blessing is speaking out loud a goodwill of God's favour and protection. The Bible is full of blessings...some God has given to us and some that other people have given to others.

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Now a lot of times where there is a curse tied to a law there is also a blessing if you keep the law. In the above examples of curses I brought up honoring your mother and father. There is a curse if you don't honor your mother and father but there is also a blessing if you do...

Ephesians 6: 2-3

"Honor your father and mother." This is the first of the Ten Commandments that ends with a promise. And this is the promise: If you honor your father and mother, "you will live a long life, full of blessing."

Here is another example of a law that has a curse and blessing attached to it.

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Cursed are those who put their trust in mere humans and turn their hearts away from the LORD. They are like stunted shrubs in the desert, with no hope for the future. They will live in the barren wilderness, on the salty flats where no one lives.

But blessed are those who trust in the LORD and have made the LORD their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they go right on producing delicious fruit.

Our culture as a whole embraces blessings. You see it all the time on social media with hashtags like #feelingblessed, #blessed, #soblessed and so on. But blessings can be very powerful and supernaturally charged...if you're doing it right.

Blessing Others

If you're giving someone a blessing there are 3 aspects you need to consider if you want that blessing to produce fruit.

a) Be Intentional

Don't be cavalier about your blessings. How many times as someone said to you "God bless you", heck I've even done it a couple of times. But what is meant by that statement? Most blessings in the Bible are ultra-specific. Instead of using blessings as a generic way of saying goodbye why not make it specific and personal to the person receiving it? That's what blessings are all about.

b) Be in God's Will

When you bless someone make sure you're doing it in God's will. If you're giving someone a blessing that is contrary to God's Word don't expect it to be honoured. My preference when I bless someone is to base it on Scripture. Taking a specific Bible verse and turning it into a blessing. That way I know I'm giving a blessing that is in alignment with God's Word and Will.

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James 4: 2-3

...And yet the reason you don't have what you want is that you don't ask God for it. And even when you do ask, you don't get it because your whole motive is wrong – you want only what will give you pleasure.

c) Expect the Blessing to be Fulfilled

Another reason why I like to bless people using specific Bible verses is so I can stand on that Word and have expectant joy that that blessing will be fulfilled. It's absolutely useless to bless someone if you have no faith that that blessing will actually come true. But what awesome power it is to give a blessing and having the faith that God will make sure that blessing comes true!

James 1: 5-6

If you need wisdom – if you want to know what God wants you to do – ask Him and He will gladly tell you. He will not resent your asking. But when you ask Him be sure that you really expect Him to answer, for a doubtful mind is an unsettled as a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.

God's Blessings

Oh man, I get so excited when I think about God's blessings. God has given us so many wonderful blessings! God doesn't want us to be defeated; He wants us to be overcomers. Praise the LORD!

This is one of my favourite blessings because the blessing isn't just about me but my children as well.

Psalm 112:1-3

*Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the Lord (worship and reverence). Yes, happy are those who delight in doing what he commands. Their children will be successful everywhere; an entire generation of godly people **will be** blessed. They themselves **will be** wealthy (finances ,health, happiness etc.), and their good deeds will never be forgotten.*

Isn't it awesome that God isn't saying maybe but "will be". I just have to accept this blessing from God. I need to walk in faith and stand on this blessing for myself and my children. Whenever doubt enters my mind I repeat this verse until the doubt goes away.

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Receiving God's blessings

God's Word that is believed, received and acted upon will transform your life. We need to take that head knowledge of God's word, bring it into our hearts, follow what the Word says and you will get the results. We need to erase the doubts – those come from satan. If you do you will achieve the faith that moves the mountains out of your life! Meditate on God's promises, talk to Him about them so that you can remove what's blocking you from receiving the blessings. I believe that there are three reasons why for the most part the Body of Christ isn't receiving all of God's blessings.

1) We Don't Know What the Blessings Are

A huge reason why Christians are not seeing the blessings manifested in their lives is for the simple reason they're not reading their Bibles. I've said this before but you need to dig into God's Word every single day. You need to do in-depth Bible studies every single week. How can you have a faith that moves mountains out of your life if you don't know who God is? How can you receive God's blessings if you don't know what they are?

Many times, especially when it comes to money, we've believed the lies from satan that to be prosperous is to go to hell and to be followers of Jesus we must do with less. There are many verses in the Bible that contradict these lies but unless we know what God says on the subject and believe His truth and not the lies we won't receive the freedom...the blessing.

2) Lack of Faith/Unbelief

Another big reason why you might not be seeing the blessings is that you haven't taken the promises/blessings into your heart. The Church as a whole hasn't done a good job of teaching people to stand on God's Word. We have to stand on God's Word knowing that he cannot lie and that He deeply loves us...

Matthew 7:11

If you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.

Romans 8: 31-32

What can we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since God did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't God, who gave us Christ, also give us everything else?

When I set the alarm clock at night I fully expect it to go off the next morning at the time I set it. We need to be like that with God's Word. We need to have expectant joy and faith that God will do what He says He'll do. We need to get rid of the doubt!!

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3) Blockages to God's Blessings

I believe there are 2 blocks that prevent us from receiving God's blessings:

a) Sin

We must have repentive and submissive hearts to God. If you have unrepentive sin in your life this can stop you from receiving specific blessings.

1 Corinthians 10: 21

You cannot drink from the cup of the Lord and from the cup of demons, too. You cannot eat at the Lord's table and at the table of demons, too.

The above verse is very clear, we cannot sin and partake of evil then expect to receive the blessings of God. You're either for God or you're for satan – there is no middle ground.

The Bible tells us that we must be humble and to reject any sort of pride. One of the prayers I have on my prayer wall basically states that I'm continuing and willingly placing my life in His hands. That I willingly submit my life to God and His way in my life.

James 4:6

He gives us more and more strength to stand against such evil desires. As the Scriptures say, "God sets himself against the proud, but he shows favor to the humble."

If we're still fighting God for control of our lives by sinning and not doing what the Bible says than we can't expect God to give us His blessings.

b) Curses

There is another reason why I wanted to address curses in this chapter. We've seen that there are certain laws that when broken can produce a curse but there are also curses in the Bible that are generational; meaning your ancestors did the sin and you're paying for it. The great news is that curses are easily dealt with! Here are two examples of generational curses:

Exodus 20:5-6

You must never worship or bow down to them, for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God who will not share your affection with any other god! I do not leave unpunished the sins of those who hate me, but I punish the children for the sins of their parents to the third and fourth generations.

How many of us know our family tree really well? This curse affects the third and fourth generations! Were all your ancestors Christians or did some follow false religions? Do you have witchcraft in your family or do you have in your family people that

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participated or participating with organizations like the Free Masons? If you do, you need to break the curse that's on you and your family.

Deuteronomy 23:2

Those of illegitimate birth and their descendants for 10 generations may not be included in the assembly of the LORD.

Do you have someone in your foremothers or forefathers history that was born outside of marriage? This is huge – a child born out of wedlock is cursed to the 10 generation unless that curse is broken! We don't need to get upset by these curses we just need to be aware of them so we can deal with them. I'll get into how to break curses in Chapter 11.

In summary the word blessing is used 522 times (KJV). They are wonderful tools God has given us to bless those we love. Blessing are also promises that God has given us that when we believe we will receive.

To start studying some of God's blessings and curses you can begin with:

Deuteronomy chapters 27 and 28

Matthew 5: 1-12

To help get you started on supercharging your blessings to those you love please go and download a FREE Blessing Calendar at:

[31 Day Blessing Calendar](#)

This blessing calendar says children but is for anyone so feel free to just say the person's name you want to bless. It's always best to personalize. ☺

Enjoy!