DELIVERANCE
Prayer Study #354
First Love Ministries of Perry, Georgia USA

Handout #7: ENTRY POINTS FOR DEMONIZATION
Generational Curses and Iniquity Drives

1. Generational Curses

I, the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me. Exodus 20:5 (concept also repeated in Exodus 34:7, Numbers 14:8, Deuteronomy 5:9-10)

A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD, even to his tenth generation shall he not enter into the congregation of the LORD. Deuteronomy 23:2

Sins that the Bible specifically says will curse a person are many. A few of these are witchcraft, homosexual relationships, rebellious children who refuse to listen to their parents, those who don't give tithes and offerings, those who do not keep their virginity until marriage.

Generational Curse: an uncleansed iniquity that increases in strength from one generation to the next, affecting the members of that family and all who come into relationship with that family.

Do you or anyone in your family, including past generations, show any of the following symptoms?

a. Have a pattern of constant failure?
b. Have a history of untimely deaths and suicides or a large number of people who have died prematurely?
c. Exhibited a high level of anger?
d. Have a high record of accidents?
e. Have a history of abuse, such as physical, emotional, mental or sexual?
f. Have a history of chronic illness?
g. Have a history of mental illness that may have progressed through generations?
h. Exhibit any of these personality behaviors: high control, manipulation, addiction, co-dependency, depression, unforgiveness, or social isolation?
i. Are always broke and cannot seem to get out of poverty or debt?

The Good News for those under a generation curse is it can be broken through forgiveness and repentance and through accepting what Christ has done on the Cross for you: *Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us; for it is written, Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree.* Galatians 3:13

2. **Iniquity Drives**

   Though iniquity in scripture is sometimes translated as sin, I think there is real distinction between sin and iniquities. Sin is an action, out of God's will. Iniquities are not the act itself but are drives or predispositions towards a certain sin that cause us to *do* the sinful act. They become a weakness towards a certain behavior. Iniquities cause us to repeat the same sin over and over again. Unfortunately, Iniquity drives are passed down through the generational line and will be passed from us to the next generation if we don't deal with them. Iniquities are a spiritual force, not a spirit, although spirits "feed" on these drives and manifest out from them. Iniquity drives are closely related to generational curses in the fact that they too are passed down through the generational line. You cannot cast out an iniquity drive like you can a demon but must pray over these drives until you see they broken. They do not leave in a moment of time and often require a season of specific and repeated prayer before we have victory over them.

   We can ask God to cause the iniquity to "pass" from us and to clothe us with a change of garments:
   And he answered and spoke unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with a change of garments. Zechariah 3:4

   We also can ask the Lord is "subdue" them:
   He will turn again; he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities, and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. Micah 7:19

   We know that we *can* be set free from iniquity drives because *"He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed"* (Isaiah 53:5).

   Lucifer said in his heart five things (Isaiah 14:12-14). These are the primary iniquity drives in mankind today. I don't know who studied this out, but I received this information from High Point Church in Macon, Georgia:

1. I WILL ASCEND INTO HEAVEN. This drive accounts for every feverish act of men to try to raise themselves into a more rarified atmosphere of existence: social climbing, club joining, self-directed church work, do-gooding with expectation of "going to heaven" for it, any form of works which are believed to earn the same entrance into heaven. Striving for recognition of those thought to be above one. A devilish drive. The Bible shows that only God can elevate men into heavenly places with Christ Jesus, and man's only ability in the matter is surrender, ask, seek, knock.
2. I WILL EXALT MY THRONE ABOVE THE STARS OF GOD. This drive in man is the root cause of competition, attempts to drag another down, and climb above him in any realm of activity. It is in every word of gossip, slander, reputation destruction, and drives the one who bears witness to himself and works for praise. It motivates self-exaltation, mighty achievements, large building and work programs, and weakens by consuming energy in utter futility. It can never be satisfied.
3. I WILL SIT UPON THE MOUNT OF THE CONGREGATION IN THE SIDES OF THE NORTH. Here we find the root drive behind the actions of the poor attention-seeker. What great length man will go to in an effort to satisfy this monster. From the little boy bike-rider who crashes into the rear of the car crying, "Look, Mom, no hands," to the movie star who commits suicide because someone else now sits above the congregation, this desire to be looked at, listened to, and given recognition, produces endless strife, frustration, irritation, anger, fear, and torment. It weakens by consuming energy in futile and van efforts to satisfy it.
4. I WILL ASCEND ABOVE THE HEIGHTS OF THE CLOUDS. During several years of liberation ministry in the prayer room, we have had hundreds of experiences with the effects of this drive. It demands pink clouds, feet off the ground, emotional bliss-type of existence. It feeds through the senses, feelings, and imaginations. Alcohol, dope, gambling, religious ecstasy, illicit sex, love-making abnormalities, sweets, music, food drives, escape practices such as reading, TV, travel, talk, etc., are the gratification practices of this iniquity.
5. I WILL BE LIKE THE MOST HIGH. This drive causes most of the splits among men, wars, and strife. This iniquity demands that the one afflicted be recognized as God. Quite often this drive is accompanied with the drive to be exalted above the stars (others). It will cause a person or a group of people to fight, wrangle, strive, and murder in order to prove that they are right and are entitled to be regarded as above all others. It always drives the afflicted to try to get his own way and win every argument.

Marilyn Hickey in *Breaking Generational Curses* ties generational curses and iniquity drives together really well: "*One person practices a certain sin (alcoholism, violence, sexual sin, etc.) until it becomes a lifestyle. Once entrenched the sin becomes an iniquity-a weakness towards a certain behavior. That behavior is practiced over and over, allowing Satan to gain control of the mind, will, and emotions. That control will continue for that individual and consequently future generations, becoming a generational curse."*

STEPS TO FREEDOM

1. Allow the Holy Spirit to bring to your remembrance the sins and iniquities of your parents and forefathers and confess them.
2. Personally forgive your forefathers of their iniquities.
3. Ask God to forgive specific sins of your living forefathers.
4. Confess your participation in the iniquities of your family tree.
5. Ask God to forgive and cleanse you.
6. Submit your will to God.
7. Remember that Jesus suffered the curse and overcame the devil for you.
8. Understand that God has all authority.
9. Use the authority of the name of Jesus.
10. Declare the power of the blood of Jesus.
11. Declare that your family's generational curses are broken.
12. Speak blessings over your life and the lives of your children.

Positive confessions are so very important. We are rarely taught in the Body of Christ that *"Death and life are in the power of the tongue…"* (Proverbs 18:31a) and *"Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth…"* (Proverbs 6:2). According to Romans 4:17, God is a God who calleth those things which are not, as though they were. We, in turn, must learn to speak words of faith in spite of our circumstances. We must declare over and over that we are free from generational curses because of Jesus' hanging on a tree.