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*Step One to Removing
the Curse and
Releasing the Blessing*



*Death and life are in the power of
the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.*
—Proverbs 18:21

Chapter 1

The Creative Power of the Tongue

Blessings or Curses

The number one way a curse can come on your life and block your blessings is in the words you speak to yourself and others. Many times we curse ourselves by the words we speak. We have all heard teachings on prosperity and the blessings of God. I have to admit that when I first got saved, I used to make fun of those who taught about the power we each have through the words we speak by saying things like, “Name it and claim it,” “blab it and grab it.” But as I began to study the Word of God, I came to realize that each and every one of us has the power of life or death, blessings or curses, in the words we say and the words that we allow others to say about us, our lives, our children, our marriages, our finances, and everything else. Words can release the promises of God, and words can block the promises of God. There is a creative force behind words that are spoken.

One of the reasons many people—I used to be one of them—have a problem understanding the power of the words we speak is because they misunderstand the principle behind this teaching. They think the purpose is only to confess some kind of material blessing into our lives. I confess a new car, a new house, a better job, etc. It might seem a little selfish. However, let me say that although confession has

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been mocked by so many and misused by so many others, it still is true. Every one of us is going to confess something today. Why not confess the good things in life? God's desire is for us to reap blessing and prosperity, and much of the power to claim it is in what you confess. Unfortunately, the power of our tongues is not limited to speaking positive words and seeing positive things happen. When we speak negative words, we then see negative things happen.

Life and Death in the Tongue

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit" (Proverbs 18:21). We would do well to listen to what God is saying to us in this Scripture. Our words hold the power of life and death according to this verse. We should not dismiss this warning because it comes from the mouth of God Himself!

According to the Evidence of Your Faith

When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you."

(Matthew 9:27–29)

When two blind men asked Jesus for a miracle of healing, Jesus said, *"According to your faith be it unto you"* (Matthew 9:29 KJV).

Many of God's children miss the truth of this Scripture, and it not only stops God's blessing from coming into their

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lives, their families, and their finances, but they actually bring a curse upon themselves. Notice that Jesus said, “*According to your faith be it unto you.*” He didn’t say, “According to your positive faith, I will bring a blessing on you, but if you have negative faith, I’ll just ignore it.” No—*positive* faith releases *blessings*; *negative* faith releases *curses*.

How are your faith and your words connected to removing the curse and releasing the blessing? Take a look at Hebrews 11:1: “*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*”

This is a Scripture that almost every child of God has heard many, many times. I want to highlight a couple of very important things that God is teaching here. We’ll start at the end of the verse and work our way back to the beginning. “*Now faith is*

*the substance of **things hoped for.***” Let me ask you a question: what things are you hoping for *right now*? And don’t give the typical spiritual response you think you should give because you love God. We all want world peace, to see people come to God and love one another, etc. Every good person wants these things. But what are *you* hoping for personally? For yourself, your family, and your future? What are *your* personal wants, *your* personal needs, *your* personal dreams, beyond just what you need?

*What things are
you hoping for
right now?*

Do you need a healing in your body? Last month in our church in Dallas, Texas, we saw God touch five different ladies who were told they had cancer. They now have each had reports that their cancer is totally gone! Do you need to see loved ones saved, to receive Jesus as their Lord and

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Savior? Maybe they have fallen away and, like the Prodigal Son, they need to come to their senses and come back to their Father's house. I told the church here in Dallas, "Let's call in our loved ones to be saved in the next sixty days." The first week we saw over ninety people receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior. I want you to remember that "*God is no respecter of persons*" (Acts 10:34 KJV)—your family is next. Do you need a financial breakthrough or a miraculous debt cancellation? Every week we are seeing God's people break through in every area concerning their finances. People are becoming the first in the history of their family to buy their own homes. We are seeing incredible debt cancellation, new jobs, and new businesses.

It's your turn. What are you *hoping* for? What are you fully expecting God to do? When God says that our faith is the substance of what we hope for, what we are expecting, He's giving us an open invitation with no limits and no boundaries.

Here's a phenomenal example of how the power of your words can break curses and release blessings. Recently we had a great celebration here at New Beginnings in Dallas. A couple in our church had a beautiful baby girl. Now that is reason enough to celebrate God's goodness. But the story behind the birth made the celebration even sweeter. These new parents came to Dallas from Africa via London, England. When they came to me for prayer, they told me they had been trying to have a baby for over eleven years. The doctors hadn't given them much hope at all. To add to the stress, because of his position in his family and his native country, a lot of pressure was put on the man to have a child. If his wife couldn't give him one, his family felt that he should

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find another wife who could. They came to me, and I soon realized that there was a curse put on them by the negative words spoken by friends and family, near and far. I prayed with them and broke the power of negative words that was spoken over them and removed the curse that was blocking the blessing. The *next week* she conceived, and nine months later it was obvious that the blessing had been released! It reminds me of that Scripture in Daniel where the prayer was given and God heard the prayer, but there was a spirit blocking that blessing from coming. I want you to realize the power of the words you speak and the words you allow others to speak over you. It's time to break the curse and release the blessing. What are you hoping for?

In every one of these cases, people have spoken negative words about themselves or others have spoken negative words, and I want you to remember that you need to break the curse of words spoken over your life.

Let's look at the word *hope*. We use this word all the time. I *hope* I get that raise. I *hope* I get that new job. I *hope* the doctor's test comes back positive. When we use the word *hope*, we're giving ourselves a fifty/fifty chance. "Maybe it will happen, maybe it won't." This is not the same thought that God intends in the phrase "*things hoped for*." *Hope* here means something I *fully expect*. Hope is not "maybe it will happen," but it is something I fully expect to happen. "*According to my earnest expectation and my hope*" (Philippians 1:20 KJV).

Moving back through Hebrews 11:1, we are going to take one more step. "*Now faith is the **substance** of things hoped for.*" *Substance* means "property, confidence, assurance, giving substance to."

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In other words, *substance* means the assurance, the title deed, to everything you're hoping for, for everything you're fully expecting. And the key that locks up or unlocks all the things you are hoping for is *your faith*.

Now look at the Scripture from front to back. Your faith is the substance (the title deed, the ownership, the platform, the condition) to everything you hope for and are *fully expecting*! Our faith is the key. The key to what? The last part of Hebrews 11:1 says, "*the evidence of things not seen.*" Our faith is the proof or evidence of the things that we can't see yet.

*Your faith is the
key to everything
you hope for!*

When the two blind men came to Jesus and asked Him for a healing, He responded with a question: "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" (Matthew 9:28). Their reply, of course, was "Yes, Lord" (verse 28). I sometimes see God's children respond the same way. "Pastor Larry, I don't know why God hasn't answered my prayers. I've come to Him. I've asked Him. I believe Him." But He says to us, "Let's play back the *evidence* of your faith." It's amazing how negative we can be at times.

Let me give you a little assignment to bring this truth home to you. Next Sunday, after you go to church, go out to a restaurant somewhere in your hometown and listen to the conversations of people around you. If it's at a time that most churches are getting out, there's a good chance many of these people just came from a church of some kind. They just left hearing the "good news," singing songs like "What a Mighty God We Serve," or maybe "Majesty, Worship His Majesty," or perhaps, "Our God Reigns." We leave the place

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where we came to worship almighty God saying that there is nothing impossible with God, and a short time later we are confessing over lunch that the devil is going to win over our marriage and over our home or that he'll defeat us in our family, finances, and future. Stop it! Here is life and death, in the power of the tongue. It's time to realize the negativity we speak upon our lives. It's time to change. It's time to remove the curse and release the blessing.

So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs." He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep."

(John 21:15–17)

Have you ever wondered why Jesus made Peter confess three times that he loved Him? Words bring blessing, and words bring curses. Peter had to confess that he loved Jesus three times to erase the curse that he put on himself by denying Jesus three times. If you look at this teaching, the first thing that Jesus said was, "*Peter, do you love Me?*" "*Yes, Lord.*" And Jesus said, "*Feed my lambs.*" The first place that Peter denied Jesus was to a little girl. Every place that Peter brought a curse on himself by words of denial, Jesus reversed the curse with Peter's words of love and acceptance.

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Have you spoken negative words about your finances, about your children, about your marriage? Every negative word that you have said, you need to cancel that curse and release the blessing by speaking positive words. “I’ll never get a raise.” You need to cancel that curse and say, “Everything that I put my hands to, God will cause it to prosper.” Maybe you’ve said in times of anger, “My kids are never going to straighten up.” You need to cancel that curse and release the blessing on your children and say, along with God, “As for me

*You can
release blessing
by speaking
positive words.*

and my family, we shall all be saved.” (See Acts 16:31.) Whatever negative words you have said, whatever negative words have been spoken against you, you need to cancel the curse of negative words by speaking the promise of God’s positive words.

My life changed with one word from God. As I said at the beginning of this chapter, I was raised against this positive confession stuff from the moment I got saved. Not only were we against it, we made fun of it. But one day, in a little motel room in a tiny town in New Mexico, my life and my understanding of God’s Word and His love were changed forever. I was preaching a revival for a church in that town, and I was waiting for the pastor to pick me up. I had a little extra time, so I opened my Bible and began to read. I wasn’t looking for anything in particular; I just wanted to read God’s Word. I opened my Bible to Numbers 14, and what God showed me that night truly put me on the *first step* to understanding how to remove the curse and release the blessing.

How long shall I bear with this evil congregation who complain against Me? I have heard the complaints

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which the children of Israel make against Me. Say to them, “As I live,” says the LORD, “just as you have spoken in My hearing, so I will do to you.”

(Numbers 14:27–28)

I’m sure you know the story of the life of Moses—how God sent him to set the children of Israel free and they journeyed to the Promised Land. But allow me to briefly retell it so you can see what God showed me. Israel was in slavery to Egypt for hundreds of years until God sent Moses to set His people free. Pharaoh released them after God demonstrated His power through ten miracles. The Israelites were not only set free, but they also left with the “wealth of the wicked.” (See Proverbs 13:22.) The Egyptians’ gold and silver. God said, “I’ll lead you to a Promised Land that flows with milk and honey.” He didn’t say there would be no challenges along the way. He just said, “I’ll get you there. Trust Me.” When they left, everyone was dancing and singing, “God is good.” Then they ran into a few challenges. The Red Sea. Pharaoh’s army coming after them. The desert. No water. No food. Every time they faced a problem, they forgot God’s promise to get them to the Promised Land. And they cried out, “We’re going to die! Our problem is bigger than God’s promise.”

Sound familiar? “I know God said, *but* the Red Sea....” God parted it. “I know God said, *but* Pharaoh’s army....” God destroyed them. “I know God said, *but* the desert....” God brought water out of a rock, and food fell every day from heaven. The Israelites saw God’s power again and again. But they had to learn to grow up and trust God’s promises. They finally got to the Promised Land, just as God said. But when they got there, there were giants in the land. Remember, when God is taking you to your personal promised land, He

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never promised there wouldn't be Goliaths, but He is still a giant killer, if you'll have the faith of David.

So if you watch what happened next, you'll see God didn't change His mind, but they actually cursed themselves. Twelve men went to spy out the land. When they came back, ten of the spies brought back a negative report. They questioned the promise that God gave them. *"But the men who had gone up with him said, 'We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we'"* (Numbers 13:31). After all that God had done for them, they were still looking at their own strength and not the promises of God. They essentially said, "We are nothing. They are stronger than we are."

*Keep your eyes on
God's promises,
not the size of
your problems.*

When we see that, we wonder, *How could they say that after all God had done for them?* But I want to ask you, Do you say the same thing? Cancer cannot defeat you, divorce cannot defeat you, drugs cannot defeat you, and poverty cannot defeat you. You know why? Because greater is He who is in you than the giant trying to keep you out of your promised land! *"You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world"* (1 John 4:4).

Look at what else they said in Numbers 13:33: *"There we saw the giants...and we were like grasshoppers in our **own** sight, and so we were in **their** sight"* (emphasis added). The reason that the giants had more power is that the ten spies looked at the size of their problem, instead of looking at the size of their promise. This is a common trick of the enemy. They cursed themselves and their children's destiny by confessing the problems instead of the promise. Remember, life

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and death are in the power of words. Their words not only killed their destiny, but they also cancelled their promise and negated the promises of God.

Remember when Peter and the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water?

And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" (Matthew 14:26–31)

At first the disciples were afraid. But Peter by faith said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." Jesus simply said, "Come." He didn't explain how the miracle was going to happen. He just said, "Come. Trust Me. Step out by faith." I'm sure the other disciples thought, "Peter, that old big-mouth, got himself in trouble again. He should have stayed in the boat. Because he got out, he sank." But the lesson is not to stay in the boat, but to walk on water by faith. Peter did walk on water, but when he took his eyes off Jesus and put them on the storm, when he looked at the problem and not the promise, he began to sink. But the moment he cried out to Jesus again, he was once again a walking

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miracle. It's time for you to stop being a boat rider and start being a water walker! Quit looking at the signs of the giant. Quit talking about how big the problem is. Quit confessing that the storms and the winds and the waves are bigger than the power of Jesus. It's time for you to remove the curse and release the blessing from the words that you say.

If He'll do it for Peter, He'll do it for you. If He'll do it for Joshua and Caleb, He'll do it for you. Look at the curse those ten spies spoke over themselves. Remember God said He'd take them to the Promised Land, but every step of the way, when things got a little rough, they stopped believing in God's power in His promises and confessed, "We're going to die." And God answered them by the confessions of their tongues.

*And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, "How long shall I bear with this evil congregation who complain against Me? **I have heard the complaints** which the children of Israel make against Me. Say to them, 'As I live,' says the LORD, 'just as you have **spoken in My hearing**, so **I will do to you.**'"*

(Numbers 14:26–28, emphasis added)

The King James Version says, "*As truly as I live.*" This is the word God spoke into my spirit that has truly changed my life, and I want to release this power into your life right now. Examine this closely: "*As truly as I live,...that which you have spoken, so shall I do*" (KJV). There is no truer statement in the entire world than *God lives*. He is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. He always has been, and He always will be. I want you to realize the importance of what God is teaching us here: "As true as it is that I am alive, it's just as true that what you have spoken, you will get."

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- I promised you I would deliver you from Egypt. I did.
- I promised you I would destroy your enemies. I did.
- I promised you I would bring you water. I did.
- I promised you I would bring you food. I did.
- I promised you I would bring you to the Promised Land. I did.

“But every time you faced a problem, you murmured and made confessions against Me, My promises, and My Word. Now, according to your faith, according to the life and death in the power of your tongue, so be it unto you. Just as truly as I am alive, whatever you have said, I’ve heard. So be it.”

This is how we release curses that block the blessings in our lives.

Ten spies came out and said, “We’re going to die.” God said, “So be it.” Two spies—Joshua and Caleb—said, “We can take the land.” God said, “So be it.” I love that God is no respecter of persons. When He gave the promise to take the Israelites to a land that flows with milk and honey, He didn’t then whisper to the angels, “I really only meant Joshua and Caleb.” No, it was for all of them, but they talked themselves out of the promises of God. For Joshua and Caleb, their tongues and faith brought life to themselves and their families. Their tongues released a blessing. Unfortunately, even though the other ten spies had the same promises as Joshua and Caleb, their faith and their tongues literally brought death. Remember there’s life and death—not just life—in the power of our tongues.

*I promised you I
would bring you
to the Promised
Land. I did.*

It’s time to bring blessings to your life, your family, and your future.

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A man shall eat well by the fruit of his mouth, but the soul of the unfaithful feeds on violence. He who guards his mouth preserves his life, but he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction. (Proverbs 13:2–3)

Isn't it time for you to start dining on the good fruit? Joy, peace, health, and prosperity. Now we can understand why God says to put a guard on our mouths. I've noticed that people are simply creatures of habit. Unfortunately, most people—even children of God—have gotten into the habit of being negative instead of the habit of being positive.

Overcoming the Habit of Negativity

About eight years ago, God spoke to my spirit while I was in Israel and told me He was going to show me how to pray and understand His Word in a way that was new to me. To read it as a Jewish Jesus would teach it. To read it as it came from Jerusalem, not Athens. I began to study teachings by Jewish scholars, and I discovered that there are volumes written about the power of the tongue and its creative force. ***“Hear and understand: Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man”*** (Matthew 15:10–11, emphasis added). We must *learn* to break the habit of negative speaking, which creates curses in our lives and families.

The rabbis teach that God has given us a tremendous tool in doing this each Sabbath. We are forbidden to talk about anything negative. You can't talk about your bills; you can only talk about Jehovah Jirah, your Provider. You can't talk about what you lost; you can only talk about Jehovah Sham-mah, the Lord of restoration. You can't talk about any of your problems; you can only talk about Jehovah Nissi, the Lord your banner, your victory, and your protector. God is trying

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to get us to break the habit of being negative and get into the habit of speaking positively.

My wife, Tiz, and I live this way. Every day! It's not just a doctrine with us; it's a way of life. Look at what God says in Revelation 12:10–11:

Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death." (Revelation 12:10–11)

The way to overcome the enemy is by the seven places that Jesus shed His blood*, but it is also by the word of your testimony. Your heavenly Father is not the "Great I Was." Nor is He the "Great I Will Be," but He is the Great I Am. We need to remember that God inhabits the praises of His people. The enemy inhabits the complaining of God's people. The enemy is waiting to steal or block God's blessing on you, but you can defeat him by the words of your testimony.

Many of you have cursed yourselves, your marriages, your children, or your finances because of the words you have spoken. You didn't mean to. You didn't know any better. I like to say it this way: If you're saying it, you're praying it. Quit praying for bad luck. You're not someone who is destined to have "bad luck." There is no such thing as bad luck for the child of God. In this world there are simply blessings

*The seven places that Jesus shed His blood are covered extensively in my book *Free at Last*.

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and curses, life and death. Let's you and I stop right now and cancel every negative word we have ever spoken.

I want you to begin to prophesy over yourself and your family the blessings of God and stop prophesying the curses.

*Prophesy over
yourself the things
Jesus has paid for
with His blood.*

According to the words we speak. Start speaking the promises of God. Quit looking at the giants. Quit looking at the wind and the storms and the waves. Stop speaking about the problems and start confessing the promises. Prophesy over yourself, your finances, your family, and your future the very things Jesus Christ has paid for with His blood.

Pray this with me:

Father, I come before You right now, in Jesus' name, and declare that every curse that has come on me and my family and my finances, in every way, by the words that I have spoken, is broken and reversed in Jesus' name from this moment on. And, Father, I prophesy that my family and I will serve God. That prosperity is mine. Salvation is mine. Deliverance is mine. Healing is mine. I claim it and I speak it into existence in Jesus' name.

Now take a moment to pray over specific areas in your life and family that God is revealing to you. Your marriage, your children, your health, your finances—whatever areas God has revealed to your spirit where your words have blocked the blessing of God.

Now claim this with me: Today God has removed the curse and released the blessing!