

OUR INHERITANCE

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What we say, not only about ourselves, but especially how we talk to (and about) other people, will determine if we receive our inheritance from God. Have you ever wondered why the blessings of God have not overtaken you yet? Even when, as far as you know, you are doing everything you are supposed to do? [tithe; give; right confession, etc.]

1 Peter 3:8-12 YLT

And finally, being all of one mind, having fellow-feeling, loving as brethren, compassionate, courteous, not giving back evil for evil, or railing for railing, and on the contrary, blessing, having known that to this ye were called, that a blessing ye may inherit; for he who is willing to love life, and to see good days, let him guard his tongue from evil, and his lips--not to speak guile; let him turn aside from evil, and do good, let him seek peace and pursue it; because the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears--to their supplication, and the face of the Lord is upon those doing evil;

These are our instructions for conducting our lives as Disciples of Christ Jesus. Unity--all of one mind. Sympathetic--feel what others feel. Love--putting others before yourself. Compassionate--bearing one another's burdens. Courteous--friendly, using good manners.

Not giving back evil for evil or railing against railing. Evil means morally wrong; bad; harmful; injurious; marked by anger or irritability; mischief. Railing means to utter bitter complaint or vehement denunciation. Reviling means to assail with contemptuous language; address or speak of or to abusively. On the contrary--blessing--speak a positive word about the future.

Curse means to speak negative words about people. Guard our tongue [words]. Turn aside from evil and do good. Not just seek peace, but pursue it.

Why? Because the Lord is watching us. Think about that! Because the Lord listens when we talk. Think about that! Because His whole face is upon those who do evil. He's IN YOUR FACE! Not just His eyes and ears, but His whole face--and we know what can happen when He blows His

nose! And we know what happens when He speaks! We are called to speak blessings!

Genesis 2:7

The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being [spirit].

Our bodies are made of the same stuff that the animal bodies are made of, but we are also different than the animals because God personally breathed His own life into us, thereby making us into His image. To create something is make something out of nothing. Man's body is formed from the dust; something that already existed--and was gradually shaped into a form. Man's spirit is the creation of God. Creation is to take something that does not exist and cause it to exist.

Mankind is created from God's breath--His Spirit. That took place instantly. Man's body was formed first, afterward his spirit was created. The moment God breathed into man His own Life, the man was able to speak. Intelligent communication is what separates us from the animals and it is also what unites us to God. Our spirit gives us the ability to speak.

We are talking about how to receive the blessings of our inheritance! Our words are the key. Are we cursing or blessing?

The foundational law of the Kingdom is 'Sowing and Reaping'.

John 6:63

The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

Words are spirit, and that is what makes them powerful! Jesus said, 'God is spirit'. (John 4:24) Since man is in the image of God, this means that man is a spirit. Man can act like God, because he, too, is a spirit.

How does God act? Look at how God created the universe. He created everything with words. Since God is able to create things by words, we can create things by words, because we are in His image. Our words create our world. You are where you are today because of the words you spoke yesterday. And the words you speak today will form your future. We are talking about receiving our inheritance!

Proverbs 15:4

The tongue that brings healing is a TREE OF LIFE.

The Tree of Life was the other tree of the Garden of Eden. This Tree of Life heals the tongue and causes the tongue only to bring health--not sickness, not death, not curses. The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil sickens the tongue. It causes the tongue to speak both good and evil. We are called upon to eat of the Tree of Life. Jesus is the Tree of Life. When we receive Jesus, our spirits become alive again, so our words become as powerful as they were when Adam used them.

Conclusion:

This is why we are called to speak blessings over ourselves and to other people; even when they curse us. Because our words carry more power. Because words are seeds that enter the earth and will produce a harvest. Because words are spirit--a powerful force in this world and in the spirit world.

God's Word says that a double minded man can expect to receive nothing from the Lord. When we speak both positive and negative words, we are being double minded. Don't expect to inherit your blessings. All you will get is confusion. This is why we are called to pursue peace; cause where there is strife, there is every evil work. God will be all up in your face! Faith works by love. We must set a guard on our lips. We must make a determined decision that we will choose to bless and not curse.

It starts with a decision in your heart to have the attitude of Jesus:

- * I will not take offense.
- * I will keep my temper in its proper place.
- * I will not be rude.
- * I will think of others before myself.
- * If I can't say anything good, I will not say anything at all.
- * I will speak blessings and I will receive my inheritance!