

Generational Curses and How to Break Them

- David saw Bathsheba bathing on a rooftop, summoned her and had sex with her. As a result, Bathsheba became pregnant, and to cover up his tracks, David set her husband, Uriah up to be killed.
- David's son, Amnon, raped his daughter Tamar.
- David's son, Absalom, picked up David's murderous ways. He killed his brother Amnon and he plotted to kill his father. He even slept with his father's concubines.
- Solomon, the son of David and Bathsheba, had 700 wives and 300 concubines, many of whom turned his heart away from God.

The word “generational” comes from the root word “gene,” which, according to Google, means: a unit of heredity which is transferred from a parent to offspring and is held to determine some characteristic of the offspring.

1 Kings 15:9-15: And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel reigned Asa over Judah. And forty and one years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom. And Asa did *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD, as *did* David his father. And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. And also Maachah his mother, even her he removed from *being* queen, because she had made an idol in a grove; and Asa destroyed her idol, and burnt *it* by the brook Kidron. But the high places were not removed: nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect with the LORD all his days. And he brought in the things which his father had dedicated, and the things which himself had dedicated, into the house of the LORD, silver, and gold, and vessels.

1 Kings 15:25-27: And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned over Israel two years. And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin. And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha smote him at Gibbethon, which *belonged* to the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel laid siege to Gibbethon.

2 Kings 18:1-7: Now it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, *that* Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign. Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Abi, the daughter of Zachariah. And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father did. He removed the high places, and brake the images,

and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan. He trusted in the LORD God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor *any* that were before him. For he clave to the LORD, *and* departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses. And the LORD was with him; *and* he prospered whithersoever he went forth: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not.

Here, we have three kings.

Asa reigned over Judah and he did what was right in the eyes of the Lord. The only issue was, he hadn't torn down the high places. Nevertheless, his heart was perfect before the Lord. Nadam reigned over Israel for two years because he did evil in the eyes of the Lord. He walked in the ways of his father. Consequentially, Baasha conspired against him and killed him. Hoshea reigned 25 years over Israel because he did what was right in the eyes of the Lord. He even removed the high places and destroyed the idols.

The point here is, the Bible is full of stories about choices and consequences. In this, God is trying to establish a law in our hearts ... one that was echoed in Galatians 6:7, which reads, "Do not deceive yourselves; God is not mocked: for *whatever a man sows that shall he also reap.*"

We sow and then we reap; we sow, and then we reap again. Each harvest that we reap determines the seeds that we're most likely to sow.

A generational curse is nothing but a garden that you were planted in. It is your job to uproot yourself from that garden and to root yourself in the Word of God.

1. First, you come out of sin.
2. Next, sin has to come out of you.

How to break a generational curse:

1. Confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, if you haven't already. Remember, deliverance is the children's bread.
2. Make sure you're in a good, godly church home. You don't need church to break a curse, but it does help you to stay grounded and free.
3. Study your family and determine what sins or behaviors are commonplace in your family, what diseases are commonplace in your family and learn the average age of death in your family. Compare this age to the national average.
4. Ask your older relatives about your family's history. Trace it back as far as you can.
5. Repent of your sins, as well as the sins of your parents, grandparents (both maternal

and paternal) and your ancestors. Renounce those sins.

6. Go somewhere and die to yourself. This includes perseverance, resisting the devil and all his offers and making up your mind to not give in.