

# FREEDOM FROM CURSES (Part 2)

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## PARENTAL CURSES

God reckons with the curse of man especially parental curses.

- Noah cursed Canaan the son of Ham for the insult with which Ham insulted him when he mocked at him because he was drunk and lay naked on the ground. He made him a slave to his brethren especially to Shem the ancestor of Israel. To fulfill the curse, the land of Canaan was given to Israel the descendant of Shem by God.

*Gen 9:20-27*

*20 Noah, a man of the soil, proceeded to plant a vineyard. 21 When he drank some of its wine, he became drunk and lay uncovered inside his tent. 22 Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father's nakedness and told his two brothers outside. 23 But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it across their shoulders; then they walked in backward and covered their father's nakedness. Their faces were turned the other way so that they would not see their father's nakedness. 24 When Noah awoke from his wine and found out what his youngest son had done to him, 25 he said, "Cursed be Canaan! The lowest of slaves will he be to his brothers." 26 He also said, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Shem! May Canaan be the slave of Shem. 27 May God extend the territory of Japheth; may Japheth live in the tents of Shem, and may Canaan be his slave."*

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- Jacob cursed Reuben and God honored it.

*Gen 49:1-4*

*49:1 Then Jacob called for his sons and said: "Gather around so I can tell you what will happen to you in days to come. 2 "Assemble and listen, sons of Jacob; listen to your father Israel. 3 "Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might, the first sign of my strength, excelling in honor, excelling in power. 4 Turbulent as the waters, you will no longer excel, for you went up onto your father's bed, onto my couch and defiled it.*

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*1 Chron 5:1-2*

*5:1 The sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel (he was the firstborn, but when he defiled his father's marriage bed, his rights as firstborn were given to the sons of Joseph son of Israel; so he could not be listed in the genealogical record in accordance with his birthright, 2 and though Judah was the strongest of his brothers and a ruler came from him, the rights of the firstborn belonged to Joseph)-*

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Many are suffering today because of the curses their parents had in time past in anger placed upon them because of their rebellion and wickedness. If you are guilty of this, there is a need of you to go to your parents and ask for their forgiveness and blessing and reversal of all the negative things they have spoken over your life. If they are far away, right an apology letter

asking for their forgiveness and blessing. Still make effort to visit them and make restitution. If they are dead, ask your spiritual parent to pray for you as he stands in their place for you.

If you want to live long and not incur the curses of your parents, respect and obey them. Do not curse or abuse them.

*Eph 6:1-3*

*6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother"- which is the first commandment with a promise- 3 "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."*

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There are two kinds of parents. They are:

1. Natural parents
2. Spiritual parents

### **NATURAL PARENTS**

*Prov 20:20*

*20 If a man curses his father or mother, his lamp will be snuffed out in pitch darkness.*

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God himself will put out the lamp of such a person.

- Absalom rebelled against his father David, though his father never wanted him dead, he ended up being destroyed

*2 Sam 18:9*

*9 Now Absalom happened to meet David's men. He was riding his mule, and as the mule went under the thick branches of a large oak, Absalom's head got caught in the tree. He was left hanging in midair, while the mule he was riding kept on going.*

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*2 Sam 18:14-15*

*14 Joab said, "I'm not going to wait like this for you." So he took three javelins in his hand and plunged them into Absalom's heart while Absalom was still alive in the oak tree. 15 And ten of Joab's armor-bearers surrounded Absalom, struck him and killed him.*

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*Matt 15:4-5*

*4 For God said, 'Honor your father and mother' and 'Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.'*

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To free yourself from parental curse, you have to go to your parents and beg for mercy and that they bless you so it will be well with you.

- If you know and are sure that a particular parent is a witch or wizard or an evil, demonic person, don't allow him or her to lay hands on you in the name of blessing you. Let him or her just bless you without laying hands on your head. Trust God he will not request for your head.
- But if your parents are dead, you have to ask God for help so that the curse can be lifted.

## **SPIRITUAL PARENTS**

Elisha called Elijah his father.

*2 Kings 2:11-12*

*11 As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. 12 Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them apart.*

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Prophets are spiritual fathers.

*1 Cor 4:15-17*

*15 Even though you have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. 16 Therefore I urge you to imitate me.*

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*1 Kings 19:19-20*

*9 So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. 20 Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother good-bye," he said, "and then I will come with you." "Go back," Elijah replied. "What have I done to you?"*

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- Those who serve you heavenly bread are your spiritual fathers.
- Those who provide for their household are your parents (Biological parents).

*1 Tim 5:8*

*8 If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.*

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Therefore shepherds are spiritual parents. Those who have been placed as shepherds over us are our spiritual parents. **The curse of parents is as strong as the curse of the Lord.**

Never sit down where the anointed is being castigated or berated, you may partake of a curse without knowing it. Never sit down or gather against someone God has anointed. Never!

- Jesus as a man cursed the fig tree, and God honored it. Jesus is the shepherd of the church.

*Mark 11:14*

*14 Then he said to the tree, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard him say it.*

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*Mark 11:20-21*

*20 In the morning, as they went along, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots. 21 Peter remembered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered!"*

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- Our natural parents or spiritual parents are not gods, but they are covenant pillars in God's program for us.

*Ps 105:15*

*15 "Do not touch my anointed ones; do my prophets no harm."*

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There is no God ordained Servant or Minister who is the same as just any brother or sister in the church. No.! Many Charismatic, Pentecostal people are suffering a lot of crisis, because they see themselves as the same as their Pastors. It is not the title that makes the difference, but divine placement according to the plan of God. The difference is always clear.

God said to the ordained Ministers, *"whosoever sins you forgive, shall be forgiven"* (Jn-20:23). That statement is not for everybody. By this statement, Jesus places the shepherds above the rest of his sheep.

Please save your heads! Church is not a human society or any such thing. It's a spiritual entity. You need discipline not to be a victim. Treat your shepherds with respect.

The only way to escape this kind of curse is to believe in goodwill. Wish the church progress, wish the ministers success, wish everybody that you can think of well, and it will never cease being well with you.

Go and make amends now. Repent and retribute where necessary. Those who don't know how to be sorry for errors end up in sorrow. If you cannot meet the Servant of God you have insulted, abused, derided, despised and castigated face to face and apologize and ask for blessing, write an apology letter even when he does not know you. If that is still not possible, repent before God and trust him for mercy. Make effort to see him or her, it is more effective that way.

### **THE CURSE OF THE LAW**

There is what is called the curse of the law. It is the curse on law breakers. The Old Testament is filled up with it. But in Deuteronomy 27:15-26; 28:15-68 we have a long list of curses of the law,

and what brings a man under them. The curses are so many that it takes spiritual sensitivity and discipline to walk in liberty!

*Deut 27:15-26*

*15 "Cursed is the man who carves an image or casts an idol--a thing detestable to the LORD, the work of the craftsman's hands--and sets it up in secret." Then all the people shall say, "Amen!"*  
*16 "Cursed is the man who dishonors his father or his mother." Then all the people shall say, "Amen!"*  
*17 "Cursed is the man who moves his neighbor's boundary stone." Then all the people shall say, "Amen!"*  
*18 "Cursed is the man who leads the blind astray on the road." Then all the people shall say, "Amen!"*  
*19 "Cursed is the man who withholds justice from the alien, the fatherless or the widow." Then all the people shall say, "Amen!"*  
*20 "Cursed is the man who sleeps with his father's wife, for he dishonors his father's bed." Then all the people shall say, "Amen!"*  
*21 "Cursed is the man who has sexual relations with any animal." Then all the people shall say, "Amen!"*  
*22 "Cursed is the man who sleeps with his sister, the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother." Then all the people shall say, "Amen!"*  
*23 "Cursed is the man who sleeps with his mother-in-law." Then all the people shall say, "Amen!"*  
*24 "Cursed is the man who kills his neighbor secretly." Then all the people shall say, "Amen!"*  
*25 "Cursed is the man who accepts a bribe to kill an innocent person." Then all the people shall say, "Amen!"*  
*26 "Cursed is the man who does not uphold the words of this law by carrying them out." Then all the people shall say, "Amen!"*

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*Deut 28:15-68*

*15 However, if you do not obey the LORD your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:*

*16 You will be cursed in the city and cursed in the country. 17 Your basket and your kneading trough will be cursed. 18 The fruit of your womb will be cursed, and the crops of your land, and the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks. 19 You will be cursed when you come in and cursed when you go out.*

*20 The LORD will send on you curses, confusion and rebuke in everything you put your hand to, until you are destroyed and come to sudden ruin because of the evil you have done in forsaking him. 21 The LORD will plague you with diseases until he has destroyed you from the land you are entering to possess. 22 The LORD will strike you with wasting disease, with fever and inflammation, with scorching heat and drought, with blight and mildew, which will plague you until you perish. 23 The sky over your head will be bronze, the ground beneath you iron. 24 The LORD will turn the rain of your country into dust and powder; it will come down from the skies until you are destroyed.*

*25 The LORD will cause you to be defeated before your enemies. You will come at them from one direction but flee from them in seven, and you will become a thing of horror to all the kingdoms on earth. 26 Your carcasses will be food for all the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and there will be no one to frighten them away. 27 The LORD will afflict you with the boils of Egypt and with tumors, festering sores and the itch, from which you cannot be cured. 28 The LORD will afflict you with madness, blindness and confusion of mind. 29 At midday you will grope about like a blind man in the dark. You will be unsuccessful in everything you do; day after day you will be oppressed and robbed, with no one to rescue you.*

30 You will be pledged to be married to a woman, but another will take her and ravish her. You will build a house, but you will not live in it. You will plant a vineyard, but you will not even begin to enjoy its fruit. 31 Your ox will be slaughtered before your eyes, but you will eat none of it. Your donkey will be forcibly taken from you and will not be returned. Your sheep will be given to your enemies, and no one will rescue them. 32 Your sons and daughters will be given to another nation, and you will wear out your eyes watching for them day after day, powerless to lift a hand. 33 A people that you do not know will eat what your land and labor produce, and you will have nothing but cruel oppression all your days. 34 The sights you see will drive you mad. 35 The LORD will afflict your knees and legs with painful boils that cannot be cured, spreading from the soles of your feet to the top of your head.

36 The LORD will drive you and the king you set over you to a nation unknown to you or your fathers. There you will worship other gods, gods of wood and stone. 37 You will become a thing of horror and an object of scorn and ridicule to all the nations where the LORD will drive you.

38 You will sow much seed in the field but you will harvest little, because locusts will devour it. 39 You will plant vineyards and cultivate them but you will not drink the wine or gather the grapes, because worms will eat them. 40 You will have olive trees throughout your country but you will not use the oil, because the olives will drop off. 41 You will have sons and daughters but you will not keep them, because they will go into captivity. 42 Swarms of locusts will take over all your trees and the crops of your land.

43 The alien who lives among you will rise above you higher and higher, but you will sink lower and lower. 44 He will lend to you, but you will not lend to him. He will be the head, but you will be the tail.

45 All these curses will come upon you. They will pursue you and overtake you until you are destroyed, because you did not obey the LORD your God and observe the commands and decrees he gave you. 46 They will be a sign and a wonder to you and your descendants forever.

47 Because you did not serve the LORD your God joyfully and gladly in the time of prosperity, 48 therefore in hunger and thirst, in nakedness and dire poverty, you will serve the enemies the LORD sends against you. He will put an iron yoke on your neck until he has destroyed you.

49 The LORD will bring a nation against you from far away, from the ends of the earth, like an eagle swooping down, a nation whose language you will not understand, 50 a fierce-looking nation without respect for the old or pity for the young. 51 They will devour the young of your livestock and the crops of your land until you are destroyed. They will leave you no grain, new wine or oil, nor any calves of your herds or lambs of your flocks until you are ruined. 52 They will lay siege to all the cities throughout your land until the high fortified walls in which you trust fall down. They will besiege all the cities throughout the land the LORD your God is giving you.

53 Because of the suffering that your enemy will inflict on you during the siege, you will eat the fruit of the womb, the flesh of the sons and daughters the LORD your God has given you. 54 Even the most gentle and sensitive man among you will have no compassion on his own brother or the wife he loves or his surviving children, 55 and he will not give to one of them any of the flesh of his children that he is eating. It will be all he has left because of the suffering your enemy will inflict on you during the siege of all your cities. 56 The most gentle and sensitive woman among you--so sensitive and gentle that she would not venture to touch the ground with the sole of her foot--will begrudge the husband she loves and her own son or daughter 57 the afterbirth from her womb and the children she bears. For she intends to eat them secretly during the siege and in the distress that your enemy will inflict on you in your cities.

58 If you do not carefully follow all the words of this law, which are written in this book, and do not revere this glorious and awesome name--the LORD your God-- 59 the LORD will send fearful plagues on you and your descendants, harsh and prolonged disasters, and severe and lingering illnesses. 60 He will bring upon you all the diseases of Egypt that you dreaded, and they will cling to you. 61 The LORD will also bring on you every kind of sickness and disaster not recorded in this Book of the Law, until you are destroyed. 62 You who were as numerous as the stars in the sky will be left but few in number, because you did not obey the LORD your God. 63 Just as it pleased the LORD to make you prosper and increase in number, so it will please him to ruin and destroy you. You will be uprooted from the land you are entering to possess. 64 Then the LORD will scatter you among all nations, from one end of the earth to the other. There you will worship other gods--gods of wood and stone, which neither you nor your fathers have known. 65 Among those nations you will find no repose, no resting place for the sole of your foot. There the LORD will give you an anxious mind, eyes weary with longing, and a despairing heart. 66 You will live in constant suspense, filled with dread both night and day, never sure of your life. 67 In the morning you will say, "If only it were evening!" and in the evening, "If only it were morning!"--because of the terror that will fill your hearts and the sights that your eyes will see. 68 The LORD will send you back in ships to Egypt on a journey I said you should never make again. There you will offer yourselves for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but no one will buy you.

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God wants to bless his children. The curses are for the disobedient, so if you will be obedient, the blessings will be yours, and the curses will never come near you.

*Deut 28:1*

*28:1 If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth.*

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No matter how mad the devil is against you, walk in liberty. The conditions are simple. All it takes is the **willingness and determination** to obey. The issue is obedience. God wants action. He wants obedience.

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law.

*Gal 3:13-14*

*13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." 14 He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.*

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*Gen 12:1-3*

*12:1 The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. 2 "I will make you into a great nation and I will*

*bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."*

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*Gen 22:17-18*

*17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; 18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.*

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*Deut 28:1-14*

*28:1 If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. 2 All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God: 3 You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country.*

*4 The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock--the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks.*

*5 Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed. 6 You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out. 7 The LORD will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven.*

*8 The LORD will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The LORD your God will bless you in the land he is giving you.*

*9 The LORD will establish you as his holy people, as he promised you on oath, if you keep the commands of the LORD your God and walk in his ways. 10 Then all the peoples on earth will see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they will fear you. 11 The LORD will grant you abundant prosperity--in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your ground--in the land he swore to your forefathers to give you.*

*12 The LORD will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. 13 The LORD will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the LORD your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom. 14 Do not turn aside from any of the commands I give you today, to the right or to the left, following other gods and serving them.*

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The redemption spoken about here in Gal 3:13-14 is not freedom to sin - freedom to do what we want. That's not it. **The redemption from the curse of the law is actually the impartation of supernatural ability to fulfill the law.**

Our inability to obey the law (which is what brings us under the curse) was destroyed on the cross so that sin will no longer have dominion over us. This does not in any way suggest that

Jesus cancelled the law. Rather, He has enabled us to fulfill it, by destroying the dominion of sin over our lives.

*Matt 5:17*

*17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.*

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*2 Cor 5:21*

*21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

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Just like He was made a curse in order to give us dominion over the curse of the law, the same way, He was made sin to give us dominion over sin. The power not to sin was made available by the blood of Jesus Christ. And the power to escape the traps of the curse of the law was made available by His hanging on the tree.

He was made a curse for us, so that what makes the curse a curse of the law (disobedience) might be broken

*Deut 28:15*

*15 However, if you do not obey the LORD your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:*

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Thank God Jesus offered us the ability to obey by hanging on the cross.

The curse of the law is fully listed in Deut.28:15-68 it includes:

- Humiliation,
- Hunger,
- Poverty,
- Depression,
- Boils,
- Bad sight (eye problems),
- Barrenness and miscarriage,
- Fever,
- Consumption (burning out),
- Hardship,
- Itching,
- Madness,
- Blindness,
- Slavery,
- All manner of sickness and diseases,

- Insecurity,
- Failure,
- Disappointment,
- Defeat before enemies,
- Untimely death,
- Epidemics (plagues),
- Famine (No rain leading to no food),
- Unfruitfulness,
- Loses of investment and all that they labor for,
- Want (never having enough),
- Endless wars,
- Eating of their children, etc.

(To be continued)

## **SUCCESS TIT-BITS**

1. **Obstacles are not an excuse for failure or to quit.**
2. **Problems will never cancel the promises of God.**
3. **Greatness is programmed and built into you. Do not look down on yourself. You cannot rise above your self-image.**
4. **If God appoints you for an assignment, you will be around long enough to finish it. No one can kill you before your time. Don't live your life in fear.**
5. **Lovers don't live in hate and are never afraid of hurts. Love and be loved.**
6. **Faith and determination shatters all obstacles and secures victory and success. Express them.**
7. **Great works are the result of great thoughts. Your thoughts make you and create your experience.**
8. **Good sense is learning from the past and making sure that past mistakes are not repeated.**
9. **Discipline is an act of the will. It takes discipline to live above board.**
10. **If you make yourself trustworthy, you qualify for promotion. If you prove yourself undependable, then you will remain on the same spot.**
11. **A combination of skill and God's favor and power guarantee success and excellence.**
12. **To harbor a rebellious fellow is detrimental to you. You will share in his punishment.**
13. **To accommodate one you cannot speak into his or her life is stupidity.**
14. **Anyone who cannot listen to you is not worthy to be under your roof.**
15. **Draw a line between love and encouraging one who refused to be disciplined and grow up.**

## **WISDOM FOR ASSOCIATION**

- 1. The problems you solve for others will create doors of favor for you. Be a problem-solver.**
- 2. When a man's ways please the Lord he makes his enemies to be at peace with him.**
- 3. An act of kindness from you will attract acts of kindness towards you.**
- 4. Do unto others what you will have them do unto you. Like, begets like.**
- 5. What you make happen for others, God will make happen for you.**
- 6. God will always cause men to sow into your life what you have sown into people's life, same measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over.**
- 7. Men shall spend for him that knows how to spend for others.**
- 8. You can set the stage for favor to come to you when you start sowing the seeds of favor today.**
- 9. Tomorrow's favor is a harvest of the good seeds sown today.**
- 10. Recognize and value favor.**
- 11. Appreciate favor. Learn to say thank you to favor.**
- 12. Protect relationships that show favor.**
- 13. Sow favor:**
  - Recommend someone.**
  - Open a door for someone.**
  - Stop a lie from being spoken against someone.**
  - Any other act of kindness that has no selfish interest behind it is a seed of favor.**

## **RENEWING THE MIND**

- 1. The way you think determines the way you see. The way you see determines the way you act. The way you act determines your habit. And your habit determines your experience.**
- 2. Small minds doubt God. Great minds believe God and his word.**
- 3. Break loose from your negative mentality and you will shine like God meant you to shine.**
- 4. Let not your mind be a cage and prison but a spring pad for your flight to glory.**
- 5. As long as you see with the eyes of God, you will be what he wants you to be.**
- 6. The thoughts of your mind will always influence, dominate and control you life.**
- 7. Positive use of the mind brings happiness, good health, success, prosperity and long life.**
- 8. Negative use of the mind brings sadness, depression, high blood pressure, sicknesses and diseases, failure, poverty and untimely death.**
- 9. Happiness, joy, sorrow, pain and sadness are moods influenced and determined by your thoughts.**
- 10. Your habits and character are all reflections of your thoughts.**