

GENERATIONAL TRANSFER
~A Blessing or a Curse ~
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Text: *You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations, of those who love me and keep my commandments.* Exodus 20:5,6

Introduction:

- The Bible says that the effects of a father's sin will be experienced by his children to the third and fourth generation. That is from a Great Grandparent > Grandparent > to Parent > Child.
- We reap what we sow, but others also reap from the seeds we've sown.
- God wants us to see the generational link – both positively and negatively.

THREE SOURCES OF GENERATIONAL TRANSFER

1. Original Sin Involves Generational Transfer

- One man's disobedience caused sin to be transferred generationally.

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned. Romans 5:12

Through one man's disobedience many were made sinners. Romans 5:19

- One man's obedience brought redeeming grace.

For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ overflow to the many! Romans 5:15

- What the first Adam did, the second Adam was able to undo.

2. Parent's Personal Influence

- A parent's sinful choices of environment and example can have far reaching consequences upon his or her children and the children's children.
- What parents allow in moderation their children excuse in excess.

3. Generational Transfer of Sin Can Come From Demonized Ancestors

- Certainly all sinful actions and attitudes do not reflect demonic activity.
- Occult involvement exposes one to the works of darkness in his/her life.
- The redeeming power of Jesus is sufficient to set the believer completely free from all generational consequences of sin.

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1) Stop Blaming Your Problems On Your Parents

As surely as I live, declares, the Sovereign Lord, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. For every living soul belongs to me, the father as well as the son-both alike belong to me. The soul who sins is the one who will die. Ezekiel 18:2-4

2) Come To Terms With The Obvious Defeats That Were Visible In Our Parent's And Grandparent's Lives.

3) Renounce Generational Or Ancestral Claim On The Basis Of Christ's Atoning Blood.

You do not have to be enslaved to generational sin: that pattern can be broken, freeing you and your children and children's children.