

_____, _____, _____, and _____
Luke 6:27-28 “But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,
28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

NEXT STEP: I will memorize and meditate on Luke 6:27-28 this week.

Spoken Maledictions Def: 1) a curse; 2) The utterance of a curse; 3) slander. James 3:8-12

Our Words Produce Life or Death Proverbs 18:21

The Source of Curses and Maledictions James 3:13-16

Three Salty Waters (James 3:11)

1) _____ **Words** 2) _____ 3) _____

Love Your Enemies, Do Good to Those Drinking Haterade Toward You, When Cursed...

- _____ **When You are Cursed** Luke 6:28 / Romans 12:14 / Numbers 6:27 / 1 Corinthians 4:11-12

NEXT STEP: I will stop speaking curses on myself and agree with what God’s Word says about me.

- **When Cursed Practice** _____ **Christianity** Matthew 5:38-45
Vs.40 “And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well.”
Why?...that you may be children of your Father in heaven. – (Vs. 45)

1st Mile – The Curse is at work.

2nd Mile - The Blessing is at work. Redemption is found in the second mile.

When we fight back, we lose the opportunity to bring redemption into that relationship.

Let’s Do the Math: -1+ (-1) = -2 A cycle of cursing has begun.
 -1+ (+1) = 0 This is 1st mile Christianity.
 -1+ (+2) = 1 This is 2nd mile Christianity. Redemption has begun.

“Evil is the absence of good just as darkness is the absence of light.” St. Augustine

“The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing.” Edmond Burk

- **When Cursed, Remember You Are** _____ **to** _____ **Not Curses** 1 Peter 3:8-9
A curse won’t work on you. Proverbs 26:2 /

NEXT STEP: I will speak at least one blessing over someone who is cursing me.

- **When Cursed, Trust God to** _____ **_____** _____ 1 Peter 2:15-23
“...content to let God set things right. The Message (MSG)

Life App Group and Family Devotional Application

1. What is a spoken malediction?
2. Our words have to power to bring _____ or _____. (Proverbs 18:21).
3. What were the Three Salty Waters (Bitter Waters) mentioned?
4. What does “silence” convey to others?
5. Does anyone want to admit some “Self-Cursing” they have spoken over themselves? How can we keep from speaking negatively of ourselves? Any suggestions?
6. Explain the math behind “Second Mile Christianity”. When does redemption begin in this process?
7. Rather than curse... what has God called us to do?