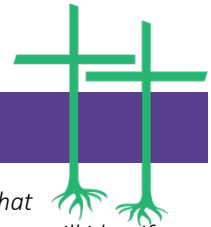


MINISTRY TOOL #6 – FOR INNER TRANSFORMATION



Applying the Gospel to Family Identity

Some people receive the gospel and immediately identify with the bloodline of heaven, recognizing that their family no longer has authority over their identity. But other people receive the gospel generally yet still identify with their earthly families. These people need help disconnecting from their sinful ancestry and relating to Father. Additionally, some people experience personal freedom but have family members who still suffer. That person can serve as the access point for the Holy Spirit to break into the earthly family tree and bring redemption.

John 1:12–13 – Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

EXPLANATION:

Whenever a person's issues can be seen as part of a pattern within their family, we're likely dealing with one or more of four generational issues, which we can remember as "GMOs" or "SMOG," whichever works better for you (see Week 5 training notes):

- **G**ENETICS (& EPIGENETICS)
- **M**ODELING / WOUNDING
- **O**CCULT / OPPRESSION
- **S**OWING & REAPING

These generational issues can be addressed through one or more of the following:

- **D**ELIVERANCE MINISTRY
- **N**EW THINKING (REPENTANCE)
- **A**CTION (FORMING NEW HABITS)

Deliverance (Ministry Tool #11: Deliverance Ministry) is generally only needed in situations where occult involvement has welcomed a familiar spirit into the family dynamic, bringing spiritual oppression to a person who still somehow partners with that spirit.

New thinking (Ministry Tool #3: Real Repentance) is needed in all cases. People can honor their earthly families and thank God for their earthly legacies while still identifying entirely with their heavenly family. In identification with Christ, we die to the influence of our earthly lineage and live in the glory, love, and authority of our heavenly Father. Some generational issues are actually bitter root judgments and expectancies on the part of the children. Some other

generational issues are truly the ancestors' fault but are exacerbated by bitter roots. Either way, repentance is needed.

Action (forming new habits) is helpful in cases where genetics seem to be at play. According to the study of epigenetics, certain environmental and behavioral changes can switch on or off certain genes. With repentance (new thinking), new behaviors become natural. The Holy Spirit knows how to overcome the genetic code and help the person walk in victory. We don't need to figure out how to target specific genes, but knowing that such changes are possible helps us give hope to the person who is being transformed in God's power. Genetics are not destiny.

GOSPEL SUMMARY:

Jesus's death and resurrection applies even to our family. We die to our earthly lineage and live in the power and freedom of our heavenly lineage. We even die to the good traits handed down in our families, because even the best family traits are inferior to the divine nature, which God gives us by His Spirit (2 Peter 1:3–4). Your "family tree" has become a stick—a direct connection with the Father through Christ.

HOW TO:

- ❑ **Ask** the person if they're aware of any family history of the issue they're dealing with.
 - Did your parents or grandparents deal with the same or similar problems?
 - Do you have siblings? Are there any problematic patterns you can see in your sibling(s)?
 - Can you think of anything in your family history that might be relevant here?
 - Are you aware of any ancestors who practiced idolatry, false religions, or the occult?
- ❑ **Identify** any GMOS that might be affecting the person.
- ❑ Help the person apply the cross to their family identity. **Lead them to pray:**
 - Father, I thank you for welcoming me into Your family. I consider myself dead to any inherited carnal trait and alive to all the blessings that are found in You. I thank you that my earthly family no longer has any authority over my life. You are my Father, and I am Your son/daughter.
 - I bless my earthly family in the name of Jesus, and I pray that the blood Jesus shed would break into my family tree through me, bringing freedom to all my relatives. Lord, please reach my entire family with Your gospel of salvation and transformation.
- ❑ **Identify any layered issues** that might benefit from additional ministry:
 - Curses (Ministry Tool #13: Renouncing & Replacing)
 - Bitter Root Judgments & Expectancies (Ministry Tool #8: Addressing Bitter Roots)
 - Wounding / Trauma (Ministry Tool #10: Presenting Jesus)
 - Demons / Familiar spirits (Ministry Tool #11: Deliverance Ministry)
 - Etc.