

Series: Living Under God Covenant with Gladness

How do children and Youth need Examine Themselves for the Lord?

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for waking us up this morning

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to continue to live life on earth

Thank you for the breath in our bodies and living humble life on earth

Thank you from sickness and keeping us healthy daily

Guide our children and toddlers in the household to righteousness and keep them away from sin and idolatry.

Heal the sick, shut in and people with disabilities

Bless children that do not have parents and live in foster homes, homeless shelters and detention centers.

Heal the sick among people with mental health

Guide us from the sinful world and let the influencing how to live our life and what righteous things to believe in come from your kingdom not the world and idolatry in the world.

Guide our children and youth to righteousness forever.

In Jesus name, Amen.

“Keep a close watch on how you live and on your teaching. Stay true to what is right for the sake of your own salvation and the salvation of those who hear you.”-1 Timothy 4:16

When I read the scripture personally, I think about our children today, how we need to make sure children examine their life at a young age and toddlers. It means taking our children to Sunday school and making sure the church has a nursery for babies and toddlers. That is why this congregation has a children's ministry and a children 's church. When we as parents help children examine themselves, they can grow up in a righteous way to avoid them living in sin, temptation, darkness. We need to make sure as parents that we need to make sure children and toddlers grow up learning how to stay out of trouble like my sister and I while we were children in the household. It explains why you see a person you see today never locked or had to witness incarceration, never shoplifted and stole anything, respect my elders. Today, young people under 30 do not know how to respect their elders because they were not raised in the household like us older and generation born before 1989. Generations born before 1989 were raised to know right from wrong. Some people before 1989 needed to do better to stay out of trouble because it is still being locked up and ending up and out of trouble for crimes in communities. You actually see young people at homeless shelters under age 24 because they did not do anything to examine their life as children and toddlers. They did not let their parents examine them in the Household as children and toddlers. There are too many children and toddlers growing up as thuggish and hoodlums because we did not do our jobs as parents to examine their life as children and toddlers. Parents need to do a better job raising their children to adults to them on the path of righteousness and Godly. You want to avoid being one of those parents that your children call you from jail. Tell the person next to you and say keep children out of trouble. It is important to have a social life, but not too much social life to cause us to live in sin. We want to help our children and toddlers avoid that social life leading a sinful life. I said in a previous sermon that we need to care who they are becoming friends with. I am cautious about who I am friends with as an introvert. I am cautious around gay and LGBTQ community because I am not gay it will never be gay and/or homophobic.

Things we need to be teaching our children that can pass down to future generations:

1. Take our children to church at a young age and make sure they stay loyal to the church by getting them involved in many activities and fellowship gatherings. My mother did not do this today. My mother says she grew up going to church but does not live a Godly and spiritual life.
2. Take our children to church and enroll them in Sunday School and make sure they go to Sunday school every Sunday. It will help children and toddlers to live their life on the path of righteousness towards God's kingdom forever. It will teach our children to be more obedient and anointed to God. It will teach our children to trust in God and not the world.
3. Teach children not to live by 1 John 2:15-17 that love the world more than they love God in their life.
4. Teach our children and toddlers not to live in bondage by listening to idolatry in the world to tell them to believe in sinful things that represent God's kingdom. We do not need to let our children grow up listening to these politicians like Kamala Harris and Democrats to support abortion and reproductive rights, legalization marijuana, same sex marriage, gay rights.
5. Teach our children the Bible daily to avoid the world influencing us to listen to sin, temptation and as well as living in bondage.
6. Educate our children on the key key scriptures Proverbs 10:6-14 and John 3:16 on what to do about wickedness and deal with wickedness in the world.
7. Teach our children God is our and they need to learn that God is their source.
8. Teach and influence our children to be born again and be baptized in the Holy Ghost and spirit.
9. Teach our children to become cheerful givers and not be takers to the world
10. Teach our children to live righteous and be cautious how they use their freewill to stay away from bondage, idolatry and the world.

We need to teach our children and ourselves how to stay true to our salvation to God by not letting anyone in the world influencing our beliefs to damage our salvation to God and his kingdom. That is why we do not need to be listening to politicians, Democrats and liberals in this country. We need to listen to Christ Jesus and what is righteous and Godly. As parents, we need to examine ourselves with our children because parents are much more unrighteous than children and toddlers. That is why children growing up are so disrespectful and act like they are grown. That is why children talk like they are grown in public with profanity and bad language. What happened to households from back in the 1940-1970. I found out that my mother, step father and biological father's parents were strict about raising them when they were toddlers and children. My grandparents were spiritual, so family members had no option to go to church every Sunday. Spiritually and Christianity did not run off on them today because they are so wicked and Godly. People tell me to keep praying for family members over and over again. I am doing my part as a man of God. All they need to do is do their part to find themselves and follow the path of righteousness. My grandmother still needs to repent her sins that she never lived up to and admit she did when my mother was pregnant, such as kicking my mother out of the house when she got pregnant at the age of 19 and making her decisions for her at the time to whom to marry and live. There are too many witnesses on that and all other family members including my biological father family members know about it. My mother needs to repent and confess her sins because I still believe my father is more honest with me about

what was going on between them while they were dating and the reason why they could not be together today. Turn to the person next to you and say be honest with yourself and others.

The reason why Democrats and Kamala Harris are telling people to commit to sin and tell people to support marriage equality and abortion because they care about sin and worldly idolatry. It means that they are not committed Christians and disciples themselves. Democrats are the political party trying to influence people to live in sin, temptation and idolatry. We need more Christians and disciples in government that will influence us to live the right and Godly way. Pastors in Chicago should not have done what they did to influence voters to vote for Brandon Johnson for mayor. Pastors of churches are not supposed to endorse candidates according to the Internal Revenue Code from the Internal Revenue Service. It has been a rule and regulation with the IRS for many years. The IRS needs to do more to enforce that and churches and pastors that endorse candidates can lose their 501c3 status. Pastor in Chicago should just let the mayor race between Brandon Johnson and Paul Vallas play out in the runoff. I want you to know that I am not lobbying on this, but I am telling you to the truth that voters in this country should not listen to sin and idolatry in the world that is trying to influence them to listen and take sin seriously by supporting ungodly things that do not represent the kingdom of God. Do not let the world damage your salvation and stop letting your hearts grow as a mustard seed to heaven. Pastors and religious leaders do not need to be involved in politics at all and let political contests play out until election day. We need to saying in our minds to say no to abortion and reproductive rights, same-sex marriage, gay rights and LGBTQ community and legalizing marijuana. We need to really challenge our mindset to trust God to remain distant from sin and the world today.

Giving time:

“Remember, the man who plants only a few seeds will not have much grain to gather. The man who plants many seeds will have much grain to gather. Each man should give as he has decided in his heart. He should not give, wishing he could keep it. Or he should not give if he feels he has to give. God loves a man who gives because he wants to give. God can give you all you need. He will give you more than enough. You will have everything you need for yourselves. And you will have enough left over to give when there is a need.”-2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NLT)

When I live by the Scripture daily and all the cheerful giving that I did in communities in cities where I lived, I have donated my own personal money to the poor as SSI income has been my only income. God always comes through for me to bless me after I give to the poor and homeless in Chicago, Dubuque, Houston, Louisville, Detroit, Flint, Cleveland and Atlanta. God has not really blessed me that much in Atlanta. It seems like bad economic situations always happen to me in Atlanta like the devil attacks me too much in Atlanta. I may not be wealthy in having lots of money, but I am wealthy in the spirit of God. When I was living in and out of homelessness since 2011, it seems like I always got blessings from God after I give in church and help the poor. I know I prosper spiritually after I give and help the poor. Before I was born again, God did not help me at all in my life because I cared mostly for myself years ago. I really never had to live off the government for nothing in my life except for SNAP, Medicaid and SSI. I believe God will truly bless me when I move back to Detroit because I will not be living SSI income any more and will start paying rent like other apartment renters and homeowners. I will not have to live on SNAP either because I can buy groceries like other Americans and go to food pantries for food for the

household. God has blessed me when my family was not able to be in my life and let me live and out of homelessness since 2011. I am grateful for the little help that I was able to get by. As a man of God and Bishop of the congregation, I still pray for my family because my family members are still sinful and live in sin and idolatry. I am still for my family because my family members still live in bondage. I pray for my family in hope for everyone to come together and stop hating each other with negative gossip. I pray for my family to become more Godly and live obedient to God before they unexpectedly leave this earth. When I think about 2 Corinthians 9:6-8, I think about people that do pay offerings in church or while they watch the church service online. When people pay little for offering to God, they will receive little blessings and breakthroughs in your life. When a Christian and disciple pay very little tithes and offerings to church very little during Bible study services and Sunday services every week, you will continue to receive little blessings in your life every week. That is why when my sermons from Bible study are post on social media every week, I encourage people that are inspired by my sermons to pay very little every week. It is good to be blessed by God very little than not at all. We want to be blessed with God more than a little percentage of the time every week. That is why I ask and encourage people to donate \$1 or \$5 in an offering to the church every Bible study services and Sunday services so they can be receiving some blessings from God in their life if it is very little each time you pay an offering to the church. It will help your heart grow stronger as a mustard seed to heaven. When you pay very little to a church for tithes and offering, God will give you very little help you need spiritually. When you pay more to a church for tithes and offering, God will bless and help what you need a whole lot in your life. People that do not have faith in God and live as sinners will not receive any blessings and breakthroughs from God. Rev. James Meeks used to repeat the same thing when I was going to Salem Baptist Church of Chicago in 2013 to 2015.

I am refreshed with a pure and good heart when I give back to the community, pay tithes and offerings in church and help the poor out of my personal income. I am asking you to follow my example to become a cheerful giver to the Lord and see the results you will receive from your strong faith and obedience to God in your life going forward. I ask you to support our ministries by donating either \$1, \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1000. You can donate your tithe and offering to the link below. Wherever you are and looking to make an offering and looking for a church home. When I was living in Chicago, I gave homeless men and women money for food daily to avoid those homeless men and women dealing with food insecurity. I gave homeless men and women on CTA trains leftover food. When I lived in Detroit for a long time, I provided food and money to the homeless out of my own personal money. When I lived in Louisville for a short period of time, I gave the homeless and poor \$50 of my own personal money to help them out economically and financially. In Cleveland, I donated over \$60 to the homeless on the streets to help them living in poverty and Homelessness. I gave so much money to churches for tithes and offerings over the years to continue my strong cheerful giving to the Lord.

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