

Series: Living in God Covenant with Gladness
Do Not Worry about Haters and Stay Focused on God

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for guiding my decisions and leading my path in my life.

Thank you for taking care of me and all of us as disciples

I ask you to continue to guide me in my life and our lives daily by keeping us away from evil and sin.

Guide us to continue to read the Bible and let God Guide our path

Guide us to continue not to let us live as a tax collector and mammon.

We will keep our focus on you daily while we have haters and envious people continue to hate on us and gossip about us thinking they know everything about people. This includes people that are homeless and stay at homeless shelters because homeless people at homeless shelters like to be judgemental and act like sinners thinking they know it all about everybody.

I ask you to judge haters daily that hate on us and ask you to judge envious people that like to hate on us so we do not lose our salvation to your kingdom.

I ask you to strengthen my personal finances and continue to take care of me while I start to make my transition back to Detroit later this month on September 25, 2024 in my permanent housing in Detroit.

You are my strength and rock of my salvation.

Thank you for what you gave in our life on earth.

Thank you for waking us up this morning and giving us another opportunity to your disciples and serve your kingdom on earth.

In Jesus name, Amen.

I want to tell a true story about my future plans. I could be close to making a final decision to move back to Detroit on September 25 on Amtrak. I already have my permanent housing taken care of and will be moving southwest Detroit. I used to live in Southwest Detroit. I may not want to try to establish myself here in Chicago by trying to get permanent housing no more. I mentioned and asked people about Chicago culture and atmosphere in recent days. They agree with me that the atmosphere and culture has changed because it is not the same Chicago that I am used to and raised in. I am thinking that downtown Chicago looks more like a ghost town and less populated. More businesses have closed and more abandoned buildings where businesses I know used to assist in those locations. I used to live in Southwest Detroit near River Rouge and Lincoln Park. I am familiar with the bus line in that area. When I'm thinking about this decision, I am thinking about Proverbs 3:5-6. I am not leaning on my own understanding and letting God direct my path as Christian and disciples to Christ Jesus. I am letting God direct my path as a follower of Christ Jesus and man of God. My spiritual desires are in Southeast Michigan, but I will never keep Chicago in the rearview mirror. Also I learned how to let God Guide me and direct my path while I was in the spiritual recovery program at Star of Hope Mission in Houston. I told my mother and family members in the suburbs that I am not coming to Chicago for Thanksgiving and Christmas this year. I will stay home with the first Lady Jennifer in Detroit this year. When I am living in Detroit, I am using SNAP benefits monthly by spending less on EBT card and getting food from my local food pantry. I was told to do that by case workers and people at the food pantry in Detroit. My mother mentioned to me as well to move back to Detroit because she agreed with me and said the atmosphere and culture has changed in Chicago after the pandemic. I want to say again that Chicago does not feel the same and feel like the same Chicago I was born and raised in that was more to do and more populated.

After I move back to Detroit, I can go back to preaching the word of God in communities and pulpit. I hope the congregation succeeds in raising money in the church building fund to purchase a larger church building in Detroit with tithes and offerings from church communities and members. I can go back to preaching in the pulpit for all services, such as Sunday night and day services, Bible study services on Monday, Thursday and Friday; and Saturday evening services. It means I could be in Chicago for 12 more days until I move to Detroit.

It seems like God takes care of me and in Detroit. That is why God and the spirit to me right now tell me I need to get out of Chicago. Godly spirit is speaking to me right now because he is telling me to get back to Detroit to be a long term resident and add to my 2.5 years. I was born and raised in Chicago in the Roseland and Morgan Park neighborhood where I attended and graduated from Morgan Park High School. While I am out here in Chicago, I may get another good copy of my birth certificate from Cook County Vital records. When I am living in Detroit, I worship Psalm and Proverbs to let God provide me with his wisdom.

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.”-Philippians 4:6-7

When you and I read this scripture, I think about people that are surrounded with haters and approach haters that like to hate on them and their success. I think about this scripture during times I spent time in and out of homelessness since 2011. When I had to stay at homeless shelters to have a place to stay, I kept my guard up and around me let God protect me from sinners and wickedness around me. Another way we need to distance ourselves from haters is not to associate ourselves with them. I do not associate myself with haters and do not have friends that are haters as an introvert. My friends are spiritual, church going people, Associate Pastors of churches, work and serve the lord. That is why when you are in these homeless shelters you see only less homeless men and women that are spiritual care about living for the Lord. That is only a very small percentage of homeless people at homeless shelters while the rest of them rather live by 1 John 2:15-17. We need to stop living by 1 John 2:15-17. As Christians and disciples, we do not want to be taken in too much baggage from haters. We want to ignore haters and gossip from others like I do. I do let haters judge me daily. That is 100% fact. As an ordained Bishop and man of God of this congregation, I keep focus on God and not worry about Haters judging me from what I do as a man of God. I do not worry about what other people think of me. Turn to the next to you and say keep your focus on God and do not worry about Haters.

“That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn’t life more than food, and your body more than clothing? Look at the birds. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren’t you far more valuable to him than they are? Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don’t work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith? So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear? These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your

heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today."-Matthew 6:25-34

I agree with the scripture and reasons why we need to live by the scriptures and honor them. I want to say if you are homeless living at a homeless shelter, be thankful to God and staff around you that can help you and provide you with the assistance you need to get your life back together economically, spiritually and financially. Some homeless men and women do not do that. That is why homeless men and women still act scandalously at homeless shelters trying to sneak behind staff back to break the rules. I agree with the minister from Salem Baptist Church of Chicago when he preached on what group you belong with. I belong with faith because I am a follower of Christ Jesus as rock of my salvation, obedient and anointed to God. I do appreciate the help and assistance that I do get at homeless shelters while I live in and out of homelessness since 2011. I believe God guided me at the time when this church started on the Westside of Chicago before transitioning to Detroit. The church was barely keeping its head above water and still considered itself struggling financially and economically. I noticed that the congregation started to improve financially and economically based on church financial records. The church still has some bumps in the road financially to increase tithes and offerings for the continuously growing congregation today. When I read Matthew 6:25-34, I do not worry about everything in life because I am just thankful for what I have that day that I obtain from God's kingdom. We need to do is not worry about the world and everyday life. One day this world will be gone and home needs to be heaven and getting to heaven. I can understand homeless men and women on the streets worrying about where their next meal will come from and that is why we need to do our Godly duty to be cheerful givers and help the poor. People who are not homeless living on the streets do not need to don't worry about everyday life. If we put our trust in God and let your heart grow as a mustard Seed to heaven, we need to let God take care of us by being our source and provider by giving us food, drink and clothing. Turn to the person next to you and say let God feed you. Turn to the person on the other side and say do not worry about tomorrow as a disciple. We need to have strong contentment and faith in God in order our hearts and minds grow as mustard seed to heaven. God handles your troubles today along with trials and tribulations. God will handle your trials and tribulations tomorrow like he did today and handle your troubles tomorrow as well. If you are dealing with any haters in your life today, God will take care of it and you today to let you continue to walk with victory towards his kingdom. I do this daily as a man of God and ordained Bishop to this congregation. I continue to let my heart grow as a mustard seed to heaven. God will handle your haters today that like to provide hate and envious towards you because they rather be a sinner and conformed to the sinful world. God will handle and judge your haters tomorrow and forever until you die and have a spiritual death on earth.

Giving Time:

"Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything. The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves will be refreshed."-Proverbs 11:24-25.

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. When I was living in Chicago, God always blessed me daily after I was highly motivated to help the poor and homeless in the Chicago Southside and Westside communities. 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. When I am back in Detroit, I will do more personally to help the poor and homeless financially and economically while living in nice permanent housing that God has blessed me with that is affordable in a nice neighborhood and community. 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.

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. You can contact me at my email address: bishopnicolas.hobson@gmail.com, email Membership Development Ministry and staff will send you a link to the new members application: membership@religious.com. 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. Membership Development Ministry staff will forward the application to people looking for a church home in Southeast Michigan, Flint, Chicago, Houston. When I am back in Detroit long term, I will use what I learned in TLC after October 2023 commencement to budget my personal money on caring for the homeless on the streets of Detroit. I will budget. Membership@religious.com is the actual email for the Membership Development Ministry and staff have been complaining to me about residents from overseas acting like they are slow thinking it is me that is emailing me. That is the actual email from Membership Development Ministry that was setup by staff for ministry and church operations purposes. The church still has open membership to individuals

looking for a church home anywhere. After individuals fill out a new members application, they are allowed to submit to the email address so it can be processed by Membership Development Ministry staff.

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