

Series: Faith that Works: Living Out of Your Beliefs  
Temptation and Truth: Where Evil Really Comes From

Our Father,  
who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us for evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.  
Amen

*"And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else. Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death. So don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters."-James 1:13-16*

It is time we stop living by our own desires because we need to stop getting advice and possessions from the world. It is time we stop loving the world. That is why I call the LGBTQ community basket of deplorables. LGBTQ community represents abomination. All couples are supposed to be men and women with children. That is why I continue to talk about the homeless at homeless people at homeless shelters and on the streets. Homeless people need to stop being all about mammon. I am not all about mammon and do not live my life as a man of God and Bishop of this congregation depending on money. I am not all about greed. I am not like these rich pastors that are all about greed and live off their congregation to build their wealth. Money is evil. Tell the person next to you and say do not get sucked into Lucifer evil and be all about money. I talked about my mother's side of the family so much about their sins because they like to gossip about people during family gatherings. I do not like to be around that crap. The world can give us bad advice and not the right advice. The world is not nothing but sinful advice and not spiritual advice. I want to say if you are homeless in a homeless shelter, do not let people that are wicked tempt you to all to sin and evil. Homeless men and women at homeless shelters rather follow the path of Lucifer and burn in hell after they die on earth. Living with evil in your heart is not healthy for the soul and mind to get to heaven. It is bad for the soul. Homeless men and women are depressed because they have no vision and rather live their life with pain.

It is time for us to gain vision and stop living our life in pain. When people live in pain, they are providing limitations in their life. It will be hard to get employment and seek any economic opportunities. People with mental health and anger issues are providing limitations for themselves. I have witnessed people and homeless people curse out on the streets like they know them. Those people are wrong for that and damaging themselves. That is a 100% fact. I have witnessed people in the New York City area curse out ordinary people on the streets because they act like they have no respect for people. Those people are

damaged and wicked. They will go to hell and burn in the lake of fire like Lucifer did after he got to hell. I have been saying all along that people with mental health and anger issues that lead to wickedness will continue to be depressed because they worry about hating serious people that have a better resume, background and ethnic better than them. Some research studies say do not give homeless men and women money on the streets because it is guaranteed that they will not use it for food. Homeless men and women will use their money for drugs and alcohol. God does not tempt us. Our desires tempt us. The path to desire to sin is death. People need to stop thinking like the devil with the choices they make in their life. That's why we need to stop making decisions by pride and our own understanding. That is what homeless men and women do when they are homeless for so long because they lean on their own understanding and blame the homeless system for their failures. People with mental health and anger issues blame society on their failures as well. The failure for your well-being in society is politicians, employers, businesses and economic opportunities. Your failure is yours. I repeat this homeless people, thuggish and hoodlums in this nation that your failure is yours. You cannot succeed in getting out of homeless shelters because you still have sin in your hearts and minds that the failure in your life is yours. People with anger issues and mental health will continue to have pain and failure because those people cannot blame yourselves. They blame the society and the homeless system for their failures of their lack of success and well-being.

I did everything I do through hard work and by letting God help me with my vision just like what Pastor John Johnson lectured to me and others after I completed the Spiritual Recovery Program in October 2023. I wish I learned this in high school at Morgan Park High School and think I could have done better academically. I did well academically but my best subjects were Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry. Some people told me that they thought my major in higher education was going to be Finance or Accounting. My major and higher education background was Political Science and Religious Studies at City Colleges of Chicago-Malcolm X College and Kennedy King College and DePaul University. I was preaching in the pulpit for fourteen years. Only thing I need to work on, Pastor John Johnson told me at Star of Hope Mission in Houston, is to start taking my time and stop thinking too fast. First Lady Jennifer telling me the same thing as well is taking my time because she wants to move in and stay with me like she supposed to, but I always did a lot of traveling and moving around after 4-6 months to a new state or city. Employers that I worked for in Detroit, Atlanta, Chicago, Louisville as second jobs in warehouse and general labor always told me that I am a hard worker. I am at jobs to work, not goof off and make friends with people. I started my congregation from hard work after starting my personal grassroots projects helping the homeless and youth on the Southside and Westside of Chicago. I worked at it since 2014 to make my congregation successful and it is a growing congregation today with 13,059 members. I continue to work at my pastor duties to make sure my congregation continue to be successful

Your generosity and community generosity and support has always been a backbone to our church enabling us to carry out our mission and serve those in need. As we move forward, I want to share some important information about financial needs for the remainder of the remainder of the year. To maintain our current level of service and continue our outreach programs, we need to collectively raise a specific amount each month. After careful consideration of our budget and upcoming projects, we need to raise \$910,000 per month for the rest of the year. This amount will help cover essential expenses such as utilities, maintenance, staff salaries, and other various community initiatives. I understand this is a significant request and I want to assure you that every contribution, no matter the size makes a meaningful difference. Your financial support not only sustains our church but strengthens our ability to

positively impact the lives of those around us. Together, we can continue to be a beacon of hope and a source of source for our community. Thank you for your continued commitment and generosity. We are open to receiving financial support from the community outside of the congregation.