

Faith that Works: Living Out of Your Beliefs
Friend of God, Not the World: Drawing Close to the Lord

Heavenly 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 us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen

“What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you? You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have it because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. You adulterous people,^[a] don’t you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us^[b]? But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble. Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.”-James 4:1-10

Friendship with the world refers to prioritizing worldly desires, values, and behaviors over those of God or faith. This includes things like excessive focus on material possessions, power, status, and sensual pleasures. This involves adopting the world's perspective on morality, ethics, and relationships, often prioritizing self-interest and immediate gratification. The Bible indicates that aligning oneself with worldly desires and values creates a conflict with God's will and can lead to a separation from Him. The concept also emphasizes that Christians are called to be in the world but not of it, meaning they should interact with the world and its people but not be controlled by its values and systems according to biblical teachings. Christians are encouraged to undergo a transformation of their minds through faith and seek to discern and follow God's will according to the Bible. We must acknowledge God's authority, submit to His will, and actively resist the devil's temptations and lies. This involves a continuous process of self-reflection, reliance on God's Word, and seeking His strength through prayer and fellowship.

1. Submit to God's Will
2. Seek God's Grace
3. Cast Your Cares
4. Be Humble in Spirit
5. Use God's Word as a Weapon

6. Pray and Seek God's Strength
7. Stand Firm in Faith
8. Be Sober and Vigilant

Christians should examine their own hearts for selfish desires, confess these desires to God, and humbly submit to His will, resisting worldly temptations and seeking His grace. When I was a child, I used to be selfish but I grew out of that after I became homeless for the first time at Pacific Garden Mission and Olive Branch Mission. I learned how to share and stop being stubborn towards other people. I used to be a taker when I was in Chicago. My cheerful giving started to improve while I stayed at Pacific Garden Mission in 2011 to March 2012. I became an ordained Pastor for the first time when I started the Pastor Hobson Homelessness Initiative that was a personal grassroots project to help the homeless in Chicago. My cheerful giving improved after I became an ordained Pastor in 2011. I started to care for the poor and homelessness on the streets of Chicago. I listen to the spirit the Lord wants me to give to the homeless wherever I am. I believe I got more of the spirit to give in Detroit, Cleveland, Chicago and Houston. My personal public charity status in Chicago was 38% based on my personal finances and bank account in 2011–2014. My personal public charity status in Chicago in 2015 was 42% helping the homeless and poor on the streets of Chicago. When I am living in Detroit, I am not dealing with any conflicts and people with mental health problems. I had to deal with that in the Trenton, New York City area, Philadelphia, Louisville, Pittsburgh, Atlanta and Cleveland. As Christians and disciples, we do not want to follow the path of the devil and Lucifer. We do not live in the Old Testament to worry about ourselves to be all about ourselves. People in the Old Testament worried about themselves until Jesus rose again on the third day in the resurrection. I need to fast more as a man of God and Bishop of this flock. We are supposed to be living under God's grace.

It is time for us as Christians and disciples to reject temptation because I believe the world will end. The sun is getting hotter and closer to the equator. The equator is supposed to be certain degrees, not too hot from the sun. Scientists say we still have a big hole in our ozone layer. The excessive heat can shine right through it to make the equator and atmosphere hotter. That is not all, I believe the world will end because it is always a rumor that a meteor and asteroid plans to hit earth. If the world does end, we want to be saved by God and under his grace, our souls can float up to heaven during unexpected and emergency situations. The 2024 ozone hole was relatively small compared to other years, and scientists project a full recovery by 2066. I will be 83 years old in 2066 and found out my life expectancy is 85 years old. It will likely take until the middle of the century for the ozone layer to return to pre-1980 levels. Homeless men and women need to end their worldly desires. It is homeless men and women that want to continue to live in sin and temptation. Democrats matter as well, leave global warming and climate change alone and let scientists do its work and let the ozone layer fully recover in 2066.

James is addressing the Christian community experiencing conflict and division within their fellowship. James uses this passage to explore the root causes of conflict and to guide believers toward humility, repentance, and reconciliation. The passage focuses on the internal and external conflicts experienced by believers. James urges his readers to resist the devil, draw near to God, cleanse their hearts, and humble themselves before the Lord. He emphasized God opposes the proud but gives grace to the

humble. James encourages believers to repent of their selfish desires and seek reconciliation with God and with one another. James' address arises from unchecked desires and a worldly mindset. James first gives us the cause of our conflicts. James gives us the cure for our conflicts. James addressed his letter to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad. James teaches the value of prayer. He encourages prayer for wisdom. James advises believers to pray in a variety of life situations. I only support the Big Beautiful Bill Act 32% and oppose 68% after finding out what is really in the legislation and how it will affect Americans.

1. By actively opposing the temptations and influences of the world and Satan.
2. By actively seeking a closer relationship with God through prayer and submission.
3. By turning away from sin and seeking a renewed and righteous life

"If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.'" -Matthew 18:15-17

"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." -Colossians 3:13

I deeply apologize for any grievance that was provided against anyone in the past and present. I believe I was afraid to address the issue with people directly. I am getting a little better. I need to stop my slander on people on social media like I did in the past and start taking the issue up with the person head on. I believe everyone needs to start doing that because it seems like some people use social media to slander people. We need to stop slandering people and start bearing and forgiving one another. I can understand why spiritual programs at homeless shelters take away people's cell phones and electronic devices because one of the ministers on staff at the Star of Hope Mission in Houston said that cell phones and electronic devices have hijacked us in society. Social media has become a prominent platform where defamation, including slander and libel can occur easily and spread quickly. God considers slander as a sin while people do it on social media. We need to respect and bear with people for what they do. That's why you have young children and adults under 30 years of age who do not know how to respect their elders. That is 100% fact. People slandering from social media including their violent rhetoric from social media platforms. People need to stop getting ideas from social media platforms.

"A hot-tempered person stirs up conflict, but the one who is patient calms a quarrel." -Proverbs 15:18

individuals who quickly become angry and react with aggression or harsh words. Their anger fuels arguments and disagreements, escalating situations rather than resolving them. When I read this

scripture, I think about those mental health men and women on the streets that are homeless or stay at homeless shelters with anger issues. I think about the homeless men and women in the New York City area on the streets with anger issues that become angry and say bad language with profanity to working people. Mental health individuals do that everywhere in this country like they cannot control their emotions. Individuals on the streets that are homeless get angry and depressed because they are homeless and not motivated to turn their life around. At homeless shelters in Louisville, young men and women should join their spiritual life changing programs to live and turn their life around for the better. I was already spiritual and into the bible when I was admitted to Star of Hope Mission in Houston. Their Spiritual Recovery Program and staff told me privately on how to better improve myself spiritually. I really do not need to join or get involved in another spiritual recovery program like that going forward because I got my improvements and spiritual wisdom from Star of Hope Mission in Houston. I got most of my spiritual knowledge from Pastor John Johnson, my case manager Mr. Gray in our private sessions/meetings every two weeks and Charles Nowlin.

I only feel comfortable in a spiritual environment and deeply spiritual people that are obedient and humble to God's word and the bible. People at homeless shelters that do not want to live spiritually means that they want to get back out in the world and continue to do their sinning, idolatry, bondage and live off of temptation. According to research studies, working people and Americans should not give homeless men and women money when asking for money for food because it is possible they are being scammed. Homeless men and women can be asking people for money to trick people to go out to use it for illegal drugs and alcohol. I want to encourage members of this flock and visitors to start a journal like I did on self-control. It means write down what traits you need to control in your life to make you yoke yourself to God and his kingdom.