

Series: Living Under God Covenant with Gladness
Proverbs 16:3

"We can make our own plans, but the LORD gives the right answer. People may be pure in their own eyes, but the LORD examines their motives. Commit your actions to the LORD, and your plans will succeed."-Proverbs 16:1-3

I commit to the Lord and need to do harder to preach on cheerful giving to community and members at the church website: ljccbc.yolasite.com to have tithes to match the growing congregation. I let God guide me in my life after the Star of Hope Mission in Houston.

My family members are sinful and are not cheerful giving types of family members. They gossip about people on the holidays and other days of the week. I did not grow up in a cheerful giving and christian family like I explained in my mandatory testimony in October 2023 while I was in the Spiritual Recovery Program at Star of Hope Mission in Houston. They let me struggle to pursue my higher education at DePaul University when they let me lose my student housing at DePaul University in Lincoln Park and caused me to become homeless for the first time in 2011 at Pacific Garden Mission. I had to pursue my higher education while living at a homeless shelter at the time going forward at the time. I found my calling and sought God in 2011 to become a preacher in Chicago to open my own church in the westside of Chicago neighborhood in Douglass Park. My family members have never been to my church to hear me preach in the pulpit because they blame too much of their finances and well-being as an issue. My in-laws have seen me preach in the pulpit longer than my family have. I blame my mother for my living situation for the reasons why I lived in and out of homelessness in Chicago and could not get my own permanent housing. I had to live out of homeless shelters in Chicago in 2011-2015 that caused me to move out of state. My mother was too controlling with my SSI income as my representative payee was acting like my SSI income was her own income and misusing funds. She was misusing funds and had to report to the Social Security Administration in 2016. Local social security office staff told her in 2014 that my SSI income is only supposed to be used on me and that I would steal money from my SSI income each month in 2014-2015. First Lady Jennifer and I continue to pray for my side of the family to stay distant and/or not reach out to them as much.

When I volunteered at homeless shelters and did work therapy at Star of Hope Mission in Houston, while I was in the Spiritual Recovery Program, I did it spiritually and not just because I had to do it and/or did it for work experience in the social service nonprofit sector. My stepfather and mother are against me helping the homeless and poor in the community. They are takers. I know they are against the help for the poor and honor Luke 6:38, Proverbs 14:31, Hebrews 13:16, Proverbs 29:7, Galatians 6:2. I am not a taker and show mercy to the poor and just do not have mercy for the poor in Chicago like I used to in 2011-2015. My mother does not believe in helping others along with other family members. It means my family members do not have mercy for the poor and homelessness like I do. My family members do not show loving kindness to others as cheerful givers. That's why they are takers. Being christians are not all about just praying for people, You have to live obedient to God 100% in your life. My grandmother does not show mercy to the poor and homelessness either because she cares for herself as well because she always tells people that she does not have any money. My grandmother on my biological father's side of the family lived as a cheerful giver as a Sunday school teacher and showed mercy to the poor and

homelessness. My grandmother on my biological father's side of the family is always deeply involved with the church in fellowship gatherings at her church. I got my spirituality from my biological father's side of the family.

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)

Our church is dedicated to helping those in need through various community programs, such as Homelessness Financial Relief Program, Emergency Assistance Program, Free Credit Repair Program, Free Childcare Program. We're currently raising funds to expand our efforts and really could really use your support. Every donation, no matter how small, makes a big difference. We'll be transparent about how every dollar is used and share updates on the impact we are making together. Thank you for your generosity! Thank you so much for your interest in donating! You can contribute by visiting our church website or by attending our upcoming events we'll be accepting donations. We appreciate your support in helping us continue our community programs. Our website is ljccbc.yolasite.com