

Series: Living Under God Covenant with Gladness
Controlling Your Heart and Resisting the Devil Forever

Heavenly Father,
Continue to come into hearts
I apologize for my sins and admit that I am a sinner.
I apologize for all my past sins in my life.
Protect us from providing sins today and the rest of the day for whatever we do.
Thank you for waking up this morning and living on earth.
Thank you for what you gave me so far today from your kingdom.
Guide us and control our hearts today.
Guide us and control our hearts so we can keep our focus on your kingdom.
Guide us and control our hearts so we can flee the devil in our life to improve our life spiritually,
economically and financially.
I ask you to judge haters that like to prosecute and gossip about us thinking they know everything about us. You are the only one that can judge our hearts and minds while on earth.
In Jesus name, Amen.

We need to control our hearts to make sure we do not sin or commit any sin. When I preached about not worrying about tomorrow and worrying about today. When we wake up every morning, the first thing we must have on our minds is not providing any sin today in what we do. We must control our hearts to make sure we do not listen or live our life on each day not to do any temptation. We must control our hearts to make sure we are tempted by the sinful world. If you do not control your hearts not to sin, your heart will not grow inside of you as a mustard seed to heaven. Jesus will not grow inside of you and come into your heart if you do not control your heart and continue to listen to the devil. We want to control our hearts because we do not want to go around saying the devil is your savior. I talked to a person in Atlanta telling me he does not believe in God because he called the devil as his Savior. When we control our hearts for God's kingdom, we must be careful not to live our life by mammon and a tax collector. Turn to the person next to you and say I will not be a tax collector. Turn to the person on the other side of you and say my gifts come from God.

I want to tell you a true story about my family members and parents. My family needs to control their hearts by not always gossiping about people. When my sister and I were growing up, my mother and stepfather always used to gossip about people and disobey God's commandments to bear false witness against others. My mother and stepfather need to control their hearts starting now and repent for their sins. My family members need to control their hearts by stopping gossiping about people too. My family members always gossip about people at their jobs at family gatherings and holidays. I want to say we need to respect and love one another like the scripture says that we need to move our enemies and one another including our jobs. You may not like what people do not at jobs, but we need respect and love them like the Bible says.

"But I say, do not resist an evil person! If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also. If you are sued in court and your shirt is taken from you, give your coat, too. If a soldier demands that you carry his gear for a mile, carry it two miles. Give to those who ask, and don't turn away from

those who want to borrow. You have heard the law that says, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!'-Matthew 5:39-44

"Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins."-1 John 4:7-10

"Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be kind to each other; tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you."-Ephesians 4:31-32

We should not resist evil people because we must pray for our enemies to provide them with hope that they will come around to seek God in their life to move the devil out of the way and get the devil out of their hearts. Tell the person next to you and say get the devil out of your heart and soul forever. I want to say many people and the city of Chicago need prayer because the whole atmosphere and culture has changed in Chicago. It is the reason why I changed my mind about trying to get permanent housing here to be somewhere in the center to be able to travel to Houston and Detroit. I do not make decisions based on my own understanding, but I strongly believe God is leading my path back to Detroit on September 25 where I lived for 2.5 years. Chicago used to be a place with friendly and positive people, a lot to do and more freedom. It seems like people here in Chicago got more negative after the pandemic that explains that Chicago is ranked the third rudest cities in the United States of America compared to New York City and Washington, DC that is at the top of the list tied for number one. I do not mean to speak so negatively about the City of Chicago, but you will know that when you here for a while that the culture and atmosphere has changed here in Chicago. It is people in Chicago that are still friendly but it depends who you run into and talk too. If you unexpectedly run into negative people in Chicago right now, you have to make sure you have your guard up as a Christian and disciple. I hope some people in Chicago understand that I would rather get back to Detroit on September 25. Evil people are supposed to confess their sin with that person, instead of acting like a hater and envious person towards them. It is the same thing for people that want to be disrespectful and talk to people negatively. This goes for people doing and working at jobs, people in public places.

When I think about Ephesians 4:31-32, I think about the times I was homeless living in and out of homelessness since 2011. I have witnessed homeless men in rage at homeless shelters. I found out that their mental health and addictions are coming into play. This is my advice for those homeless men that go into rage, those homeless men have the devil in their hearts and move the devil out of the way. That is how more homeless men at homeless shelters can control their heart to seek and be humble to God while dealing homelessness, trials and tribulations. When I am in public, I see too many homeless men and women with unsustainable mental health problems, such as anger management. You see people in public talking and cursing to themselves talking like they are crazy. People you see talking to themselves in public need to control their hearts and move the devil out of the way. As Christians and disciples, we need to pray for those people so they can resist the devil and control their heart for God. My stepfather needed to control their hearts for God because he always spoke to my sister and I with profanity and anger

management. He really needs to control his heart for God's kingdom. My mother is a little bit more tenderhearted and kind compared to him in the household.

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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