

Series: Living Under God Covenant with Gladness
Challenging Our Mindset to Trust God

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the food and what you have given us today.

Thank you for roof over our heads and clothes on our back

Thank you for healing me when I am sick.

I am asking you to continue to heal me when I am sick and take care of my well being on earth wherever I live and we live in the United States of America.

Strengthen our heart and soul for your kingdom so our hearts can grow as a mustard seed to heaven.

Help and guide me from being a tax collector along with everyone in this flock.

Renew our minds to let our hearts grow as a mustard seed to heaven.

Let us not honor 1 John 2:15-17 to like living for the world more than for God

Let us continue to be obedient and anointed to God

Let us get rid of our wicked ways living in depression and oppression.

This flock and myself apologize for people that I hurt and may have disappointed in the past and present.

In Jesus name, Amen

The scripture I will talk about is Romans 12:2-3 because it is an important scripture for learning to live as disciples to God and not live for the world.

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”-Romans 12:2-3

We do not need to be conformed to this world because this world can lead down the path that you do not want to be. You do not want to be conformed to this world that will tempt you to do and live in sin. Turn to the person next to you and say do not be distracted from God and the Holy Spirit. Turn to the other person next to you and say do not be tempted to do what sinners do in the world. As a Christian and disciple, we do not need to be tempted by the world to cause people around us to damage our salvation and get into heaven after we die on earth. Another thing we need to do to not conform to the world is not to listen to idolatry from others that could be wicked and think about themselves. We need to be committed to God's kingdom by treating our bodies as a temple and staying away from pork. We need to avoid being conformed to the world by taking care of ourselves spiritually and not harming our minds, body and souls. We need to stop being conformed to the world by not sinners and unrighteousness persuade and influence us to make bad decisions in our life. We don't want the devil to influence us in anything in our life. We want God to influence us in our life to make righteous and Godly decisions.

We must renew our minds for God kingdom by doing the following:

1. Read and understand the Bible to know how to live spiritually for God. I started to understand the by starting to read the Bible in 2011 and my knowledge increases as a disciple so my heart and soul can grow as a mustard seed to heaven. I was told to read Psalm 146-150 after I got saved and born again

2. Attend church services and Bible study services to find a church home that you can become a member and loyal too. I became loyal to various churches when I moved to Houston, Chicago, Detroit and Philadelphia
3. Memorize key scriptures to let God Guide you on how to live your life spiritually and on the path of righteousness forever. My favorite book in the Bible is book of Galatians, but I have other favorite scriptures in the Bible.
4. Trust and submit to God as your source in your life.
5. Pray to God daily for your needs. I pray to God for my needs by praying with good faith in God and say good prayers by myself with my mouth. I really do not pray in my mind because the Bible says we need to pray with our mouth.
6. Trust God so your life can grow as a mustard seed to heaven.
7. Do you live as a tax collector and mammon? I do not love money more than God and his kingdom. I do not live my life as a tax collector because I do not love more possessions in the world and to the world loving God as my personal savior at the throne in heaven. I do not listen to idolatry in the world listening to people like Kamala Harris in support of reproductive rights and abortion because I know abortion is murder of babies in the womb and damages God's creation for human life on earth. Abortion is lust in the Bible and people may not believe it but people will have to answer to Christ Jesus after they die on earth. I do not listen to the world and let people tell me to support marriage equality that trying to get me to support the LGBT community and same sex marriage. All couples are supposed to be men and women. I do not support legalization of marijuana and drunkenness because life on earth is precious.
8. Do not live your life by 1 John 2:15-17. Do not love the world and submit yourself to the world rather than love God.
9. Let God control your life daily to make our hearts pure for God and his kingdom.
10. Confess and repent your sins. Confess and repent with your mouth to ask for God forgiveness.
11. Believe in God as rock of your salvation
12. Be willing to live under God's grace in your life forever.

God can help you in your life more than the world can. God can help people with your finances and help you manage your personal finances the right way in your life. We are supposed to give them percent to the Lord for tithes and offerings in church every week. If you give little in tithes and offerings, it is no problem with that because it means God can bless you and provide breakthroughs every week in your life until you die on earth. God can help us to find a job if we are living in poverty and homelessness. God can help and guide us with a breakthrough if we are homeless, living in overcrowded households with family and friends. God can help us in our life when we are living in shared room housing by renting a room in a house or apartment that has people sharing a kitchen and bathroom. If God wants to guide you in having your own apartment or house, he will provide you with that blessing and breakthrough from his kingdom. Only thing the world is good at helping us to do is live in more sin and temptation.

“Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.”-1 Peter 5:7

When I read the scripture, I am thinking about the need to live by God and his kingdom anxiety, not world anxiety. We need to have God anxiety to put all our worries in God and his kingdom forever. If you are looking for employment, God can help you with finding the right job and career for you. God did the

same thing for me years ago when I wanted to pursue a law career and go to law school, but God spoke to me and said that career was not for me. God chose me years ago. When I was in the Spiritual Recovery Program at Star of Hope Mission in Houston, I was told by case managers to continue to do what I am doing because I am gifted and unique. I am gifted in shepherding, prophecy, teaching, knowledge, wisdom, exhortation and giving. That's why I teach Bible classes within the congregation on the third Saturday of each month. I teach spiritual seminars monthly. That is why I care about being a man of God to share knowledge of Christ Jesus and why it is important to live for his kingdom and covenant. My first sermon in the Douglass Park neighborhood in 2014 was in the books of wisdom.

I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me. He freed me from all my fears.-Psalm 34:4

When I pray to the Lord, God always hears me because I continue to see the Lord in my life daily. It is like God hears my prayers and always grants me breakthroughs because I seek the Lord in my life. It is like Christ Jesus controlling my mind and thoughts. Whatever I think in my mind always comes true and reality. God answered my prayers because I have patience. The Bible says we need to have patience when we pray to God. I started thinking that I should stay here in Chicago until the end of next month because I am thinking about what case managers told me about having more stability under me. If I move back to Detroit on September 25, I will be living in shared room housing in a house while sharing a bathroom and kitchen. I do not think I want to live in a situation like that. When we read Isaiah 41:10 in the Bible that the scripture is telling us not to fear God and his kingdom. We do not have to be fearful to live in the path of righteousness to his kingdom. I think I may stay in Chicago until next month or the end of next month until the church 501c3 is filed or pending at the IRS, so when I am back in Detroit I will be able to pastor housing allowance and salary to pay living expenses. I do not want to rush back to Detroit and struggle financially and economically. I already have apartment in Detroit picked out but I may have to save money to get it or find out in the city of Detroit that I can get financial assistance to pay security deposit and first month rent.

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)

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. 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. 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. When I think about 2 Corinthians 9:6-8, I think about people that do pay offerings in church or while they watch the church service online. When people pay little for offering to God, they will receive little blessings and breakthroughs in your life. When a Christian and disciple pay very little tithes and offerings to church very little during Bible study services and Sunday services every week, you will continue to receive little blessings in your life every week. That is why when my sermons from Bible study are post on social media every week, I encourage people that are inspired by my sermons to pay very little every week. It is good to be blessed by God very little than not at all. We want to be blessed with God more than a little percentage of the time every week. That is why I ask and encourage people to donate \$1 or \$5 in an offering to the church every Bible study services and Sunday services so they can be receiving some blessings from God in their life if it is very little each time you pay an offering to the church. It will help your heart grow stronger as a mustard seed to heaven. When you pay very little to a church for tithes and offering, God will give you very little help you need spiritually. When you pay more to a church for tithes and offering, God will bless and help what you need a whole lot in your life. People that do not have faith in God and live as sinners will not receive any blessings and breakthroughs from God. Rev. James Meeks used to repeat the same thing when I was going to Salem Baptist Church of Chicago in 2013 to 2015.

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. 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.

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