

Series: Living Under God Covenant with Gladness
What do you do if you do not have love from others?

Heavenly Father,
Guide and us love others forever.
Guide us to have stronger love in our relationships and marriage, so they can last longer to eternity.
Guide our relationships and friendships to make sure we have strong love in our inner circle
Thank you to people that do express love for us daily.
Thank you for the strong love in some of our relationships with others.
Thank you for some relationships we have with people that express hate and envy for one another.
I ask you to guide more people in our communities to express love for one another
Let us come together as Christians and disciples to celebrate Attribute to God Month.
In Jesus name, Amen.

I Corinthians 1:1-10 (NLT)

"If I could speak all languages of earth and of angels, but don't love others, I would be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy, and knowledge, and if I have such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. If I give everything I have to the poor and even sacrifice my body, I could boast about it, but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing. Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever in truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever! Now our knowledge is partial and incomplete, and even the gift of prophecy reveals only part of the whole picture! But when the time of perfection comes, these partial things will become useless.

When I think about this scripture, I think about how I came forward to seek God in my life on September 4, 2011. I think about the time in Chicago in 2015 that people told me about being gifted and unique. When I read this scripture, I think about my spiritual gifts as a Bishop and Senior Pastor of this flock. When I read this scripture, I think about before 2018 when I was elevated to Bishop from Pastor because I started to gain more respect for other pastors and religious leaders in this nation and abroad. I believe more pastors that I am friends with today see me as somebody. I was elevated to Bishop because another Bishop in the south told me if something ever happens to him with his health that he will know that his flock will continue on earth. When you and I read this scripture to see young people expressing hate and jealousy towards others, it means what the scripture says about them being nothing. You see and hear youth and young people out here today are rude and jealous. I do not support Tim Walz for Vice President because he let many rude individuals burn down Minneapolis. We need to start expressing more love to one another in this nation and stop providing hate, rudeness to others and violence. We must understand this nation and people in this nothing if people continue to provide violence and rudeness to others. We must be patient and kind to one another as a nation under God. If we continue to provide sin and hate, we need to cut whatever off that causes us to provide sin, rudeness and jealousy.

I continue to boast about what I did for the poor and homelessness since 2011 to show my love and compassion to them. I continue to show love for the homelessness and poor on the streets dealing with food security. I showed love for the homelessness when I gave them my own personal money to buy something to eat. I hate for them to think where their next meal will come from. That is why this congregation started off with a foundation to help the homelessness when this congregation started on the Westside of Chicago in the Douglass Park neighborhood. I have given 99% of my personal money from my SSI income to the poor and homelessness on southside of Chicago since 2011 based on my personal tax returns and financial records. I have given one percent of my personal money from SSI income to homelessness and poor in Detroit based on my personal tax returns since 2016. When I volunteer at homeless shelters helping to feed the homeless and sort donations, I do it out of love and spiritually to express my compassion for the homelessness based on the economic challenges they face on a daily basis. If Star of Hope Mission in Houston never had work therapy for clients in the programs, I would still love to volunteer in the facility no matter what because I have strong compassion for the homelessness and poor.

We need to be patient and kind in our relationships because people that do not express love in their marriages and relationships are nothing. This comment brings me back to the story my mother tells me on the phone with complaints about my step-father in the house. I think about how my mother expresses hateful talk while in the household with my step-father that she is nothing like the scripture says. It is like the scripture says that she is nothing but noisy gong or cymbal. That's why I want to say about Trump that he needs to get in front of the nation and world to repent for his sins in the past to the present. He lied about not inciting violence during the January 6 intercession saying he had nothing to do with that. I learned a few things in business about liability. Donald Trump owned the Trump organizations and what goes on in the organization, so it makes him liable for the handling of the hush money payments to Stormy Daniels. It doesn't matter if he talks about not remembering the checks or not, but he still holds him liable for what goes on in the Trump Organization. As my aunt is an accountant in Chicago, she told me that as a Senior Pastor of the congregation, I want to make sure I get copies of everything from staff within the congregation and do oversight on it. That's why my congregation is so transparent with its operations today. That's why the twelve jurors found him guilty in the hush money trial. Donald Trump had the authority at the time to stop those hush money payments based on who was involved with it as owner/head of the Trump Organization. Owners of businesses that catch illegal activity for associates are usually terminated with investigation/oversight, but Donald Trump did not do that with the hush money payments to Stormy Daniels. That's why I say women need to be more patient when they meet men today by having more patience to get to know them. Women need to have more patience to meet men before getting pregnant by those men talking about the men raped them. Women need to stay away from parties at clubs and/or bars to meet men and act too fast to have sex with them. Women need to do what men and women used to do is get to know the men first. Then let their kindness and patience catch up while getting to know them to see if that person wants to get pregnant and have a baby with that man.

We need to start being cheerful givers to the Lord to prove we are someone to the Lord, not nobody. It is like you are nobody to Christ Jesus. I will say that to be honest and say exactly what it says in Acts 20:35. People that do not give to the Lord as cheerful givers are not blessed by God. God will not guarantee come through for them that do not give to God. God will not provide you any breakthroughs from heaven when people that do not give to God. If you are a somebody to God, I encourage you to start giving to the

Lord and do not be takers in the world and listen to the devil. The bible says we should be giving ten percent of our income to God, but you are blessed when you still give something to God to the church. Whatever you give to God, it will come back to you spiritually with blessings in your life. All the giving to the church and poor, God has unexpectedly blessed me with breakthroughs in my life daily.

I want to share some news about my congregation members personal political ideology. The congregation has over 9,034 members, but we will still need to work on making the revenue match the growing congregation. The church raises money in tithes and offerings, but the revenue levels do not match the growing congregation going back to 2014 on church financial records. I say over and over again the church started off small on the Westside of Chicago before moving its headquarters location to Detroit in 2016. It is 57.3% members are Conservative/Republicans that voted support and vote Republicans in elections. It is 39.3% members are Independent/unaffiliated that vote as independents in elections. 3.4% members are Democrats that vote Democratic in elections. Previously, it was 48.7% members were independent/unaffiliated voters in elections, 48.2% Republican/conservatives voters in elections, and 3.1% Democratic based on the member's personal political ideology. First Lady Jennifer is a registered Republican and has always been a registered Republican in elections. I am an independent/unaffiliated in elections that the Democratic Party left me in 2010 to move to center as an Independent in elections. These numbers are data collected from the Membership Development Ministry year after year. My preaching over the years has been shifting the congregation to the right based on my standing on many issues as a Christian conservative. 57.3% of members that are Republicans based on their political ideology support the old Republican Party before Donald Trump from George W. Bush Presidency and before that. Based on the personal political ideology of the Bylaws and Rules Committee members, the committee is more Republican/conservative with 11 out of 17 members that are conservative. Homelessness Prevention Review Board is more Democratic.

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