

Series: Living Under God Covenant with Gladness
Setting Boundaries for Ourselves for Worshiping God

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for what you have given me today in my life.

Thank you for the food you have given us today to eat.

Thank you for your guidance and opportunity to live under your boundaries under your covenant.

Thank you for being my healer and healing me when we are sick

Thank you for keeping us healthy and living for our Christian walk to God.

Guide people that are having a hard time living under your covenant and living by your boundaries under your covenant.

I ask you to make sure we are obeying laws under your covenant so we can be obedient and anointed under your kingdom so our hearts can grow as mustard seed to heaven.

Save our youth and children to guide them to live under your boundaries and not the boundaries to the world to let our hearts grow as a mustard seed to heaven.

I ask you to remove our evil boundaries from the devil by getting the devil out of the way in our life.

Save us from the Sinful world

In Jesus name, Amen

“Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.”-Psalm 4:23

“For every man shall bear his own burden.”-Galatians 6:5

I need to practice and do more in my life with boundaries because I still just give a yes or no answer. I still like to beam around the bush to explain myself to people. I want to give people right and no answer to people, but it likes taking too long. It is like I am afraid to hurt people's feelings. I need to work on Psalm 4:23 when it talks about putting your guard up. In my favorite book in the bible called Galatians, I set boundaries for myself to remain close to Jesus. When I make friends with people and meet new people where I am at, I do not become friends with anybody. It is like what my biological father told me that I make friends with people that do not have a prison and records. My biological father told me while I was younger that I would not have anything in common with people that spent time in prison. When I plan my inner circle of disciples, I set boundaries for myself and recruited my twelve disciples that I want to have in my inner circle. I set boundaries for myself when I started out with my twelve disciples to be spiritual, know and understand the bible, worshippers of God, fellowship to God, and pray to God daily. I set boundaries for myself to only worship God in my life after I got saved and born again, not love the world more than I love God.

We must guard our hearts to stay away from wickedness.

We must guard our hearts by getting the devil out of the way in our life forever.

We must guard our hearts in situations while people are dealing with homelessness and unexpected homelessness because people in homeless shelters act like sinners, wicked and have mental health issues. When we guard our hearts daily towards God, we must be willing to respect his law and rules under his covenant to get into heaven. One rule is to grow our faith in God as a mustard seed to heaven. All we need to do is obey simple commandments to prove we love God more than the world. It is like the same

with homeless men and women at homeless shelters today that more homeless men and women rather think about themselves and not respect rules of homeless shelters that caused people to be barred and put out of homeless shelters. We need to get our minds out of the world to put our minds and focus on God to live under his rules and boundaries to be able to get into heaven after you die on earth. Turn to the person next to you and say I want to get to heaven. Turn to the person next to you and say I want my heart to grow as a mustard seed to heaven. If you love the world more than God, it means you rather live and obey the devil's boundaries to live in sin, wickedness, temptation, abomination and evil. That's why I will tell you just like I told clients as a facilitator at Star of Hope Mission in Houston in the TLC program.

I want to share a lesson from me and my living under boundaries. Before I was young and God, I was so wicked and sinful during my childhood because it got a lot to do with my mother and step father not taking us to church on Sunday and not growing up in a Christian household. I had anger management issues during my childhood that were 50/50 sustainable. I overcame all of that after being born again and saved by God's grace. I continue to preach and educate people Proverbs 10:6-14 in the NLT. When I read Galatians 6:5 personally, I think about my burdens and tribulations that I let God deal with on a daily basis. That is why I say I need to get back to Detroit out of Chicago because it seems like I am not struggling in Detroit. When I was in the Spiritual Recovery Program at Star of Hope Mission in Houston, I read Proverbs 10:6-14 during an evening chapel service and got the loudest and best applause that day. I have that scripture for a reason that day because there is so many wickedness and sinners at homeless shelters. When I set boundaries in my life, I do not lean on my own understanding and that is 100% fact. I just figured it out today that I will get my next SSI payment on October 28, 2024 at 1:00 PM. It means I will be leaving Chicago on October 28, 2024 after 10:10 PM and arrive in Detroit at 6:00 AM. I can go directly to my own apartment in the 48238 zip code by getting in the Dexter bus at Rosa Parks Transit Center. When we set boundaries for ourselves to worship God, we do not want to lean on our own understanding. We need to let God Guide us and help us obey his boundaries under his covenant. When I was young with my sister in the household, we knew how to live under boundaries and rules. My sister and I understand and obey rules in the household. That's why we grew up in a disciplined household with rules and boundaries. My stepfather told me while I was a child that they were hard on us as children because he said they were not trying to be mean and hard on us. They were doing what they were doing to teach us right from wrong. That do not happen today in households parents are afraid to discipline children in the household because people call it child abuse. My mother and father let the belt do the talking while we were children. Those days are gone and people raised in 1989 were raised in a disciplined household that was not afraid to teach us right from wrong, but everyone born before 1989 is not perfect. They were raised to live under rules and boundaries like my sister and I. If you do not know how to obey boundaries as a child and stay out of trouble, how are you going to obey boundaries now?

We need to set boundaries among ourselves while around wicked people. We have boundaries while meeting people and becoming friends with wicked people. When I see people in public that are wicked and talking to themselves, I just don't mess with them. It is people that agree with me about mental health that are wicked. Talking to themselves with anger and rage is just them alone because it is best to let them worry about themselves. All we need to know as Christians and disciples is to talk to themselves. When you see someone that has mental health that is speaking to themselves and seems like they are out of it is to leave them alone and let them get themselves out of their situation and wicked ways. We need to set boundaries for ourselves while loving the world more than we love God..

What boundaries do we need to set for ourselves to remain distant from the world?

1. Stop listening to idolatry and making friends with people living their life in sin and path of righteousness. It means if you are homeless, it is good to live under boundaries and make sacrifices to live under boundaries to stop idolatry. I had a person I know in Philadelphia say he does not like homeless shelters as a Christian and disciple because it is so much sin and idolatry. He says too many people hate on people at homeless shelters that are goal oriented and serious getting their life together because you have more people at homeless shelters worry about what other people are doing and not worrying and focusing on themselves.
2. Stop listening to politicians and political ideology that influence us and encourage us to listen and support sinful things and beliefs in our life, such as abortion, reproductive rights, legalization of marijuana. Life on earth is precious. Also we do not want to live our life as a tax collector and mammon..
3. We need to set boundaries not to live our life by better managing how we use our freewill. It means using our freewill that God gave us in the right way to make Godly decisions and lead us down the path of righteousness. It means stop using our freewill to be tempted by the worldly idolatry and sinners. That why I preached on recruiting our twelve disciples in our inner circle like Jesus did to separate ourselves from the world and sin.

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 need more help from the community because I was able to donate very little to the church out of my personal finances as a person that lives on SSI income. I like to get off SSI income and live on a livable salary from the church. I was able to give a total of \$1,500 or less to the church out of my SSI income since 2014. I do not get help and financial support from family because they never heard and attended any of my congregation church services to hear me preach in the pulpit since 2014. I believe my family members are not 100% godly and not Godly at all. My family members still live in sin and the flesh outside of church, so I have to do what I can for the church financially and economically since 2014. I like the church revenue to match the growing congregation and I need help from members and people in the community for financial support for the church. My biological father's side of the family is the only family members that is spiritual but they have too much going on in their lives, but I still have support from my biological father's side of the family. They are not able to give to church because they are financially squeezed with their personal finances and some are unemployed and retired with SSA. I got my strength spiritually and committed to God from that side for teaching me the Bible, Christ Jesus, attended Bible study and Sunday school, discipleship, stewardship and obedience to God. With my SSI income that I am only able to pay little offering to the church In Detroit. 98% of tithes and offerings still come from members and visitors, but I still pay and give very little of my SSI income to the church to help pay for operations, programs and community development initiatives. You can go to the church website and view our income statements, profit and loss statements, balance sheets and other financial records at LJ.CBC.yolasite.com. I want to let people know starting on Wednesday of this week that the church will be able to get a PO box for the church in Detroit to receive donations made by check, cashiers check or money order made out to Lord Jesus Christ Community Baptist Church. I will get the information for the PO Box in Detroit and be able to get that information to pass on to you all. As bishop and man of God, I keep church and state on my mind that try not to get government and politicians financial support unless they are willing to support the church personally out of their own personal wealth and financially and economically.

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. It is companies and organizations that help the church financially and economically, but they usually offer a fee for their services and we are not able to pay those fees based on a tight and stressful budget from our growing congregation.

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