

Series: Living Under God Covenant with Gladness
Do Not Be Possessed by the Devil

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for what you gave us life to continue to let my heart grow as a mustard seed to heaven.

Thank you for the spirit to encourage us to take risks to serve your kingdom effectively to grow our heart as a mustard seed to heaven.

Guide us to help us keep godliness in our inner circle and cast out demons as well as wickedness in our inner circle forever.

Protect us from people that are continuously envious towards us and other people to let us continue to strive for success in our lives to continue to accomplish our goals in our life.

Continue to guide us to take more risks to serve your kingdom effectively to live in the path of righteousness to God and Holy Spirit.

Guide us to continue to take risks and encourage our families to take risks to serve God effectively to serve his kingdom daily.

Protect us from people that continue to act like demons on earth that like to tear us down by keeping us around positive people in our inner circle.

Help unite families and guide more homeless men and women to unite with their families so they do have to live at homeless shelters to avoid their grudges with their families.

In Jesus name, Amen

“One day Jesus cast out a demon from a man who couldn’t speak, and when the demon was gone, the man began to speak. The crowds were amazed, but some of them said, No wonder he can cast out demons. He gets his power from Satan, the prince of demons. Others, trying to test Jesus, demanded that he show them a miraculous sign from heaven to prove his authority. He knew their thoughts, so he said, Any kingdom divided by civil war is doomed. A family splintered by feuding will fall apart. You say I am empowered by Satan. But if Satan is divided and fighting against himself, how can his kingdom survive? And if I am empowered by Satan, what about your own exorcists? They cast out demons, too, so they will condemn you for what you have said. But if I am casting out demons by the power of God, then the Kingdom of God has arrived among you. For when a strong man is fully armed and guards his palace, his possessions are safe—until someone even stronger attacks and overpowers him, strips him of his weapons, and carries off his belongings. Anyone who isn’t with me opposes me, and anyone who isn’t working with me is actually working against me.-Luke 11:14-23

When I read Luke 11:14, I think about people that envy and hate my success. I am going to say if people stayed in school while they were young and graduated, there is no reason to be envious towards other people. If you were more dedicated to get an education while you were young and took your life more seriously to be successful and economically, there would be no need to be envious towards other people. I characterized envious people as the demons that are talked about in Luke 11:14 that you need to cast out from around you. Only way for that to happen is to keep your faith in God and the Holy Spirit. I try to keep demons from around me and that is why I believe God is getting me out of Chicago back to Detroit in my permanent housing. I believe God and the spirit has blessed me with a breakthrough with my permanent housing and sustain myself in Detroit long term. It is people in Chicago right now that are demons with the violence, crime and people with anger management/mental health issues. I want to say to

you is to build your faith in God and the Holy Spirit, so Christ Jesus can be able to cast out demons from around you. We need to cast out demons in our families and friends' inner circle.

I mentioned in my previous sermons about doing what Jesus did in the bible and he recruited and had twelve disciples. When we recruit our twelve disciples on earth, it can prevent people that are envious and demons out of our inner circle. We need to try to do the same thing in Luke 11:14 is cast out demons in our inner circle. I have 53 Christians and disciples in my inner circle today that live in Michigan, Texas, Georgia, Arizona, New York, Florida that we all look out for one another and our well-being. I agree with the sermon and message yesterday when Charlie Dates preached on the topic take a risk. If we want to live like a Christian on earth to obtain the gifts of eternal and everlasting life, we must take a risk to eliminate sin and idolatry in our life by being cautious who we talk to and affiliate ourselves with daily. I agree with the message that we must take a risk if we want to eliminate envious people out of our inner circle. That's why a pastor that his own church in Florida referred me to a company like Startchurch to make sure my church has more legitimacy, honesty and transparency within the church by keeping our legal/legitimate documents in order to safeguard the congregation from envious people and haters that are judgmental that like to think they know everything about people. Turn to the person next to you and say cast out demons around you daily. When we go into the world daily to do work and take care of our business, we want to make sure to cast out demons from around us by praying to God and the Holy Spirit to have Christ Jesus guide us to keep demons from around us and our inner circle forever. This statement applies to homeless men and women at homeless shelters today is to try to keep their faith in God by growing their hearts and minds as a mustard seed to heaven to cast out demons around them that remain to be sinful, envious and ungodly. When you have more positive and Godly people around that live only for God and not the sinful world, you are more likely to become a righteous person and good things will come from heaven for you. I agree with the message yesterday from Rev. Charlie Dates when he preached on taking a risk. If we do not accept God's gifts from heaven, he will give them to someone else. It also says those people are just for show and not 100% faithful to God. If God is offering you a gift and a breakthrough in your life, do not pass it up so the opportunity cannot be given to someone else. That's why we need to cast demons from around us daily to avoid people that are full of envy trying to make us feel small and bring us down.

I advise you not to try not to give Satan no more power that he already has to continue to lead us to sin and demons on earth that like to be envious and spread ungodliness around them including the world. When you keep your hearts whole for God with strong faith in God to let our hearts grow as a mustard seed to heaven. I say we need to stay away from 1 John 2:15-17 by loving the world more than we love God. We need to stay away from 1 John 2:15-17 to love doing more sin and envy in the world than loving God as the rock of our salvation. That's why I was happy to read Proverbs 10:6-14 at Star of Hope Mission in Houston during chapel services before I commenced in October 2023 that explained to us how bad it is to live in wicked and ungodly ways. When we read Luke 11:16, we do not have no reason to test Jesus at the throne in heaven as Christians and disciples, as we have faith and anointed to God daily by reading and understanding the bible to know to live our life in the path of righteousness.

According to Luke 11:17, I always talked about how families need to have more family reunions to bring families together to stop different grudges and feuding. Families need to be united to stop grudges, sin, envy and ungodliness among some family members. I repeat what was said in the movie "Madea Family

Reunion” when they were told to turn to the person next to them to tell them that they love them and call them when they need help. Right now, my mother says that she is the only one on her side of the family that calls my grandmother to talk to her like a daughter and others do not call her like they are supposed to check up on her. It means that there is so much sin and grudges on my mother's side of the family that need prayer and work to bring the family together. My biological father's side of the family is more united and spiritual than my mother and stepfather's side of the family. The same thing needs to happen in communities in this nation to eliminate and cast out demons from around us by having block parties in neighborhoods. I noticed that in the Brooklyn-Bed Stuy area back in June-August 2024 that a lot of neighbors in the area had block parties and people were really friendly to each other coming together as a community. The devil is trying to provide demons and grudges in families to cause families to be more divided and fall apart. I believe people should not be living in homeless shelters today because people should be able to work things out with families to move back with their families. A staff member at Pacific Garden Mission named Mr. Freeman always repeated that ten years ago when I became homeless for the first time at Pacific Garden Mission in 2011. He always told male guests at Pacific Garden Mission to call their families when he comes back on Mondays to speak to male homeless guests in the auditorium after morning chapel services. He told male homeless men at Pacific Garden Mission to call their families to encourage males to go back with their families. He was a spiritual person.

Ways to cast demon type people in your inner circle

1. Be a follower of Jesus
2. Be in Jesus as your source and rock of your salvation
3. Be born again and get baptized
4. Pray and meditate to God daily with your mouth
5. Honor God as the creator of all human life, things and universe
6. Believe God is your healer, provider, protector and deliverer
7. Do not go through life by going off your own understanding and believing in your own understanding
8. Be in God's kingdom by obtaining your gifts from God at the throne in heaven, not the world. It means do not live your life with idolatry, sin, envy, temptation, tax collector and/or mammon.
9. Be honest to God and people around you. That is why my church will be doing my press conferences in Detroit to provide proof of honesty and transparency among the congregation to cast out demons that think they know everything and like to provide envy towards other people. That is not why a lot of PDF documents were taken off the website because the website needed to be brief to the public and to the point to gain more internet traffic weekly and daily.
10. Be strong in the lord like it say in Ephesians 6:10-11

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 posted 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.