

Series: Living with Integrity
The Role of Community in Spiritual Growth

Heavenly Father.

Thank you for keeping a roof over our head and have a place to call home

Bless the men and women that live on the streets with no place to go and a place to call homeless

Bless and look over homeless people that are being harassed by police on a daily basis for loitering and soliciting.

Thank you for keep us away from evil, sin and temptation

Thank you for your wisdom from heaven and being the rock of our salvation

Thank you for being our healer and healing us while we are sick

Guide and bless everyone in this flock in and outside of church.

Guide and continue to keep walls of your angels around us daily to protect us from the sinful world and temptation.

Help being good people to our inner circle that 100% praise God in their life and do not lean on their own understanding and living in bondage.

In Jesus name, Amen

I want to tell you a true story about the homeless at homeless shelters with men and women. When I was homeless and had stayed at Pacific Garden Mission, I noticed that some male guests were either telling false testimonies and afraid to confess to God for their sins. When I confess my sins, it is either by mouth and in mind daily to keep the devil out of my life forever. The devil wants us to hold back our testimonies and thanksgiving from God and the Holy Spirit. Homeless men and women need to be living for God with thanksgiving and stop being envious towards others. It is like I said before in previous sermons that we need to seek God as the rock of our salvation because I do believe the world will soon end unexpectedly. You hear from climatologists and scientists saying the sun is getting closer to the sun making the equator hotter. We have a big hole in our ozone layer that is making the equator hotter and causing a climate shift on earth everywhere. You hear from NASA and affiliated agencies that it is threats about an asteroid threatening to hit earth. This is the time we need to get right and be on the path of righteousness this month.

I believe there needs to be more spiritual growth at homeless shelters including mental health homeless shelters. I have heard mental health homeless shelters staff say they do not want to force religion on clients at mental health homeless shelters. There needs to be some type of christianity and religion at homeless shelters to help more homeless men and women that are wicked to seek God in their life. It is homeless men and women confessing their sins during Homelessness Prevention Roundtable meetings that I hosted in the past in Chicago, Dubuque, Philadelphia, Houston, Hattiesburg, Brooklyn and Cleveland. People at mental health homeless shelters are sinful and wicked that need to confess their sins to clean themselves and start building their life in God so their heart can start to grow as a mustard seed to heaven. Turn to the person next to you and say grow your heart as mustard seed to heaven. Children and youth need to confess their sins and start to distance themselves from the sinful world by staying away from temptation, sin, idolatry and living in the darkness.

"But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness."-1 John 1:9

Only sin and forgiveness that I still have is forgiving my family members in 2011 when I was struggling to pay for my higher education. My family caused me to become homeless for the first time at Pacific Garden Mission when my family members failed to help me pay the remaining amount of my tuition at DePaul University. My financial aid award paid half of my tuition and needed a cosigner to apply for an outside loan to pay my tuition each quarter. I still do not like that my mother and stepfather invested all their resources into my sister's higher education and that she ended up doing poorly and lost her financial aid. I have a better resume and portfolio than my sister's resume. My sister has to do a one page resume because her experience is all over the place while she currently lives in Dallas. I still do not forgive family members on my mother's side of the family because they are not cheerful givers and rather let other family members struggle.

I support more families to be brought together by having more family reunions with the entire family. We need to be thankful for our families. We need to call our families once a week to just tell them that you love him and be able to call them when you need help.

1. Family members on my mother's side of the family like to gossip about people and they know it all about other people.
2. Some people on my mother's side of the family and stepfather's side of the family are wicked.

James 5:16