

Faith that Works: Living Out of Your Beliefs
True Religion: Faith that Cares and Stays Pure

Heavenly Father,
Forgive us for the times we have spoken without thinking, or when my words have not reflected your love and grace.
Grant us the grace to bridle our tongue to speak with kindness
Help us build each other up and stop with the different stereotypes about each other in the world.
Help me to be a person who cares for those in need
Help and guide us to set ourselves apart from the world
I ask you to protect us Christians and disciples from the untruths in the world and keep us from evil.
Grant us the strength to remain pure and steadfast in our faith
Help us to be a light in the darkness
In Jesus name, Amen

"Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."-James 1:26-27

Children whose parents are unable or unwilling to care for them, similar to the ancient definition of orphans lacking familial protection and provision. Children whose parents are unable or unwilling to care for them, similar to the ancient definition of orphans lacking familial protection and provision. These children lack proper care and may experience significant harm. Children who have left home and are vulnerable to exploitation, including human trafficking. Those born into households strained by addiction, poverty, or mental illness and lacking adequate support systems. These individuals lack basic necessities and often face social exclusion. Individuals subjected to exploitation and lacking safety and protection. Elderly persons facing isolation, poverty, or lack of care. I want to care for the orphans overseas in Africa, but I found out the banking systems and some resources in their economies are fraudulent. As a man of God, I want to look after orphans and help children in Africa but it is not an app where you can easily donate money to individuals or families.

When I read this scripture, I think my mother is the only one that cares for my grandmother on my mother's side of the family while she has been sick or not feeling very well. My other aunts and uncles do not care and check on her. Caring for orphans and widows is a fundamental aspect of many faiths and ethical systems, highlighting a responsibility to protect and support the most vulnerable members of society. This involves providing for their basic needs like food, shelter, and clothing, but also extends to emotional, spiritual, and educational support. This verse is often cited as a foundational text, stating that true religion involves caring for orphans and widows in their distress. Ways that we can care for orphans and widows in this country. More government and government spending is not the answer that the Democrats would do in power in states, local and federal government. We need to be cheerful givers in the community to help our vulnerable citizens. Raising social security retirement income is not the answer either. Families need to start coming together and support widows in their communities and families. As Christians and disciples, we need to not just pay tithes every week in church. We need to play our part to care for others including widows and orphans in our communities by donating to organizations dedicated to orphans to help them with food and healthcare. Education in Africa needs to be free and individuals should not have to pay to send their children to school. Volunteering with organizations that support orphans allows for direct interaction and assistance with their needs. Advocating for policies and initiatives that support orphans and widows. We need supporting initiatives that address the root causes of poverty, disease (like HIV/AIDS), and conflict

I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.-John 17:14-16

1. Reading the Bible to transform your thinking. The bible has transformed my thinking because I do not really think like a sinner and listen to bondage along with temptation no more. My bible reading for many years made my faith in God and mind powerful for God's kingdom for living under God's grace for my life on earth. You and people need to follow my footsteps to make your Christian walk towards God's kingdom stronger.
2. Maintaining a strong prayer life. I pray in my mind and from my mouth daily. When I talk to myself from time to time, I am speaking to God at the throne as my personal savior and rock of my salvation.
3. Seeking fellowship with other believers. Find a church home that you will be loyal to and get involved as a member long-term. My home church is Salem Baptist Church of Chicago because I still consider them as a home church. I completed the new members program in 2014. It was the only church that I felt motivated too. Bill Winston Ministries and Helping Up Mission are not bad churches and organizations because I am a certified prayer partner for both of them. I still pay tithes to Salem Baptist Church of Chicago on a monthly basis.
4. Discern influences from media and conversations. Since I completed the Spiritual Recovery Program at Star of Hope Mission, I do not really watch television like that any more. I do not watch television shows and programming that is sinful and secular. If I do catch myself watching TV that is secular and sinful, I have to do more practice to discipline myself to do that by providing more of a media fasting for myself from time to time. I need to do what Star of Hope Mission in Houston does for people in the Spiritual Recovery Program. We were only allowed to watch christian movies and movies without cursing in them. That was their rules and regulations in the programs and their facility today and in 2023.
5. Set boundaries based on your values. My spiritual gifts are shepherding, wisdom, exhortation, prophecy and teaching. As a Christian and disciples, you cannot support same-sex marriage because it represents sin and abomination from God Kingdom. I believe and call the LGBTQ community a basket of sinful deplorables. As a christian and disciples, you must not support abortion and reproductive rights. It means do not listen to the Democrats when they talk about supporting women choosing their own bodies to be allowed to get abortion. Life on earth is precious and all babies deserve to live a full life on earth. As Christians and disciples, you must not support legalization of marijuana because it can be medical marijuana or illegal drugs. Any marijuana is bad for your internal organs and lives a shorter life span on earth. I encourage people to quit smoking and get some nicotine pads to stick on them on a daily basis to prevent them from smoking. We are supposed to protect our bodies as a temple for God's kingdom. I oppose pride month, same-sex marriage celebrations in churches and religious organizations, churches displaying LGBTQ flag colors on and in their churches, people wearing LGBTQ flags and colors in public to celebrate sin and abomination, and oppose pastors marrying same-sex couples in churches.
6. Serve others. We need to get our minds and life out of the Old Testament because we do not live in the Old Testament. We live in the New Testament because Jesus rose on the third day during the resurrection. We are supposed to be living and serving God under his grace. We are supposed to serve and help the homeless and poor. I do not mean buying friends at homeless shelters to try to take advantage of other people's kindness. My friend Bufus Fletcher educated me about that after he saw me taking advantage of me by another client. He told me not to let anyone take advantage of my kindness. I want to educate people and say you do not have to serve others for money because people are all about mammon. When you want to work at a social service nonprofit organization including Goodwill, it is not serving God the Godly way. It is

all about mammon. If you are really the servant and child of God, you need to be willing to work and volunteer for free. Jesus served and walked on this earth for free. No one paid Jesus to recruit disciples and serve the community back then to save souls to bring them to Christ.

7. Address social issues. As a Christian and disciples, you cannot support same-sex marriage because it represents sin and abomination from God Kingdom. As a christian and disciples, you must not support abortion and reproductive rights. As Christians and disciples, you must not support legalization of marijuana because it can be medical marijuana or illegal drugs. Any marijuana is bad for your internal organs and lives a shorter life span on earth. My life expectancy is 85 years old. I support bringing back free clinics right now after the Medicaid cuts in the Big Beautiful Bill became law, but it has to be set up as a nonprofit for funding purposes so potential board of directors can qualify for grants at foundations and corporations. It allows people that will lose their healthcare to continue to get healthcare coverage for free for any medical procedure. We need to stop racism in the workplace in this nation. I support strong borders and a merit immigration system. I always believe that people with mental healthcare need to help themselves because I do not believe medication is not going to cure their anger issues. All I see is doctors prescribing people with prescription drugs to drug them up just for the pharmaceutical companies to make money off of people with mental health to make themselves rich. I have to be honest about addiction and substance abuse programs that I really do not know a lot about. All I know is that communities have substance abuse programs that are set up to help people recover from drugs and alcohol. I remember sending a gun control plan to Capitol Hill a long time ago, but it really did move and go nowhere. The plan was to protect people's second amendment rights by allowing people with mental health still able to buy a gun at gun shops and gun shows, but make the background check procedure longer for them to make sure they get help with anger management and mental health problems for six months to one year. The plan provided national criminal background checks. I look at the proposal being a profit plan, so the NRA will continue to protect their profits that they receive every year. I support criminal justice reform that will keep violent criminals in jail or prison without a commuting sentence from the President of the United States. New Yorkers need to get Alvin Bragg out of office now. I oppose the death penalty. I support conservative judges on the bench and judges should be rotated from bench to the United States Supreme Court without Presidential appointments. If a judge served on the bench at a lower court should be allowed to work themselves up to serve at the United States Supreme Court. I want to tell you a true story that I care about the issue of food security because I hate to see people on the streets in Chicago as a Chicago native asking for money for food daily. I volunteered to give some homeless people my leftover food on the Redline and said they have not eaten for three days. This congregation has provided food to families and homeless people in the past years according to reports and church records from the Benevolence Ministry in Detroit. I oppose economic inequality. I support all couples as a man and woman with children. Eve represents women and Adam represents men on earth.
8. Share the gospel. We need to be out there while we are not in church service preaching the gospel because it is our job as disciples to Christ Jesus to educate as many people as we can to help more people seek God in their life. That is why I support Christ-centered programs at homeless shelters because it helps discipline and train us christians and disciples for the kingdom. I agree with ministers and pastors on staff at Star of Hope Mission in Houston that technology and society has hijacked us. My 57 disciples and I are continuously educating people in the community about the Gospel and Christ Jesus.
9. Guard against mindsets. In order to do this, you need to keep sin out of your inner circle. That's why people need a church home that they can get involved in and be loyal too. More people need to become more churchgoing people, not sinners. I did not grow up in a christian household like I said in my testimony during commencement in October 2023.
10. Resisting gossip, dishonest gain, and immoral entertainment. You need to be like me, try to avoid gossip as much as you can. I do not like talking to my mother, family and family members

because the conversations start to get too personal. I stay away from gossip and I cannot be at homeless shelters like a friend of mine in Philadelphia because homeless men and women are all about idolatry. Homeless men and women do not have authority to judge people. That is God's authority to judge us on earth at the throne in heaven. As Christians and disciples, we need to stay away from bars and clubs because it is sin and drive you down the path of hell and Lucifer. We must make sure we are honest as Christians and disciples because we do not want to follow the path of hell and worship Lucifer as our savior in hell. Turn to the person next to you and say the devil is a liar. It is bad to live a life off of lying, manipulation and coping with others.

11. Set your mind on things above. We need to begin our day with prayer and meditation. We need to read the bible regularly. We need to appreciate things we have in our life that God gave us. Do not give up on God by getting your possessions from the world. That is why we need to practice gratitude in our daily life and stop being about mammon while spending money we don't have. I want to tell you a true story about being in homeless shelters: most homeless men and women are haters and open up to be friendly to certain people. Homeless men and women only communicate with people at the same homeless shelters that are already in their league as a sinner and living in temptation and bondage. I say many homeless men and women at homeless shelters need to find themselves spiritually. I see more homeless men and women leading down the path with Lucifer and hell. I see homeless men and women die today. They will burn in hell like Lucifer did and be trapped in hell today and not allowed back into heaven. We need to reduce our influences on social media and harmful content. As Christians and disciples, we need to help the poor and homelessness by contributing to causes. Families do not need to be takers because the devil wants us to be takers and keep our wealth for ourselves.
12. Resist sinful influences. Triggers and temptation
13. Maintain an eternal perspective. Focus on spiritual values

James is speaking to the early Christian believers. James is speaking about the importance of practical religion which involves controlling one's tongue and caring for those in need. The event in the scripture took place when James was leading the church to Jerusalem in 40-60 AD. James emphasized practical religion in James 1:26-27 to correct the misconception that faith alone without good works is sufficient. He wanted to stress that true faith should manifest in tangible actions, such as controlling someone's speech and helping those in need. James wrote the letter in James 1:26-27 to encourage believers to live out their faith practically by controlling their speech and caring for the vulnerable. Jesus was speaking in John 17:14-16. Jesus was speaking to God the father about his disciples. Jesus mentioned that he had given them God's world and that the world hated them because they were not of the world, just as he was not of the world. Jesus was not asking the Father to take them out of the world, but protect them from evil. Not being of the world means aligning yourself with God values and principles. The event took in the scripture the Last Supper because Jesus got arrested and crucified. The scripture took place in the Upper room in Jerusalem. Jesus was praying for his disciples before his crucifixion. Jesus was praying to his disciples to be protected and sanctified to set them apart from the world.

We need to teach this scripture to our children because they need to learn how to be kind and helpful to others, watching what they say to people, and staying away from bad influences. That's why I cannot be at homeless shelters. I am trying to provide guidance as a man of God and Bishop that you do not want to grow up being disrespectful to others and their elders. We need to avoid children growing up in sin that puts them in a situation where they rather live in bondage and temptation. That's why in my freshman year of high school my godmother's son told my mother that he will look after me before he graduated that academic year to keep me from negative and bad influences and crowds. We need to teach our children about respect and avoid bullying, peer pressure and dishonest environments. Good influences include supportive friends, positive role models, and environments that support kindness, honesty and respect. Homeless people can learn from James 1:26-27 the importance of maintaining their faith through good deeds and taking care of others despite their circumstances. Homeless people

can learn from John 17:14-16 because they are still loved and protected by God for whatever homeless man and woman still have strong faith and obedience to him daily. Homeless people have to stop loving the world rather than loving God by doing more ungodliness and unrighteous things that drive them more in the hands of Lucifer and hell after they die on earth. When I talk about this scripture further, I want to say everyone in this world is different. I want to say I'm different because it does not mean nothing that I do not have a pimp to walk like other men in the world or do not swing my arms like other people when I walk around on the streets. Youth people and children do not understand that everyone in this world is different. We need to let people be themselves and be proud of who they are. Do not change yourself for no one in the world, such as changing your gender to become a transgender in the LGBTQ community. It is okay to be different or not fitting in with the world because we are all protected and loved by God. We need to start caring for negative and positive people to pray for them with their wicked ways. We need to start with eliminating negative comments about people in the world because it drives those people further into the kingdom with Lucifer after they die on earth. What happened to times that children used to go out and help their neighbors out to lawn their grass, carry their groceries, sit on the front porch having a good dialogue. You do not see stuff like that any more because he hears about continuous violence and killings in our communities. I believe high schools start offering community service as a requirement because children and youth in the world today need to learn and know about kindness and responsibility in their life. I believe high schools start community service requirements because they want children and youth to learn about caring for others like the poor and stop thinking about themselves. Ex-offenders need to start being mindful of their words and words to avoid returning to old habits. Ex-offenders need to avoid helping others to make amends for past wrongs. This will keep them out of jail and prison. Ex-offenders need to start living an honest and upright life after being released from incarceration. Juveniles need to learn how to communicate respectfully to show compassion to those less fortunate. Juveniles need to stay away from negative influences that can lead to astray.

1. Look for ways to help others that are struggling.
2. Volunteer in your community. When I get back to Detroit, I can go back to leaving my home to volunteer at homeless shelters in Detroit 2-3 times a week. I encourage this flock to do the same and volunteer in your community to let people know you are not a taker and part of this sinful world.
3. Be mindful of the influences around you and focus on activities that provide positive growth.
4. Make conscious choices daily to live and show compassion and integrity.