

Series: Living Under God Covenant with Gladness
How do we need Examine ourselves for the Lord?

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for your breakthroughs in our life.

Thank you for protecting us from hunger and the food you give us to eat.

Bless homeless men and women living on the streets that do not have food to eat and dealing with hunger and food insecurity on a daily basis.

Bless women to make Godly decisions in this society to stop listening and living in sin, temptation and idolatry.

Bless men to make Godly decisions in this society to stop listening and living in sin, temptation and idolatry.

Guide and help women to start making decisions by trusting God as their source.

Guide men and women to trust God as the rock of their salvation.

In Jesus name, Amen

I believe in the Psalm 127:3-5 because I believe children are the heritage and creation from God and the Holy Spirit. I believe children are the creation from God in the woman's womb. I am happy that Roe has been overturned at the United States Supreme Court. Democrats are trying to promote sin and idolatry when they influence voters in this nation to support abortion. Only people understand that God is the Creator of all human life on earth. A child in the woman's womb deserves to live a full life on earth. If a woman do not want the baby even during rape or incest need to allow to give the child up for adoption to foster home to give opportunities to another family. Minority communities need foster homes, not abortion clinics in the United States of America. I oppose the Democrats on how they promote reproductive rights and abortion to voters telling and influencing voters to sin. We must understand that Virginity is not a disease and it is not hard to save yourself without having sex. It is not hard to save yourself and be a virgin until you find the right soulmate to spend the rest of your life with. Honestly, I am start to stop believing in politics like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr because politicians are people pleasers that do all they can to please voters and influence them to vote for them to lead themselves to sin, temptation, idolatry, flesh and darkness. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr never believed in politics because it divides us up. I see politicians being all about Galatians 1:10 that talks about being people pleaser and pretending like they are God. It is only God and that is Christ Jesus.

“Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him. Children born to a young man are like arrows in a warrior’s hands. How joyful is the man whose quiver is full of them! He will not be put to shame when he confronts his accusers at the city gates.”-Psalm 127:3-5

This is one of the scriptures that Democrats and Kamala Harris need to lock up in their brain and memorize before advocating on abortion and reproductive rights. This is one of the scriptures that Democrats and Kamala Harris need to think about when they are speaking to women on the issue of abortion and reproductive rights in communities. They need to understand life on earth is precious and children deserve to live a full life on earth. Women can stop accusing themselves as rape victims in this nation because they need to stop being so shallow and be willing to save themselves at a young age including when they are teenagers. Turn to the person next to you and say respect and honor life on earth.

Turn to the person next to you and say honor God as the Creator of human life on earth. I would rather live in Michigan because I am a swing voter and independent. We need to love children in the womb as humans like when they are alive out of the womb. I support Elissa Slotkin (D) 49% and Mike Rogers(R) 50% as an independent. I support Garlin Gilchrist(D) 44% and support him to succeed Gretchen Witmer for Governor of Michigan. My support is leaning Republican for Congress. I do not think Mike Duggan should not consider running for Governor of Michigan because I support him as mayor of Detroit and he is doing a better job than previous mayors that put Detroit in bankruptcy.

“Obviously, I’m not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ’s servant.”-Galatians 1:10

When I think about Galatians 1:10, I think about Kamala Harris trying to please voters to vote for her and promote sin during her candidacy for the White House by promoting abortion and marriage equality, getting more people to be sinful and supporting issues like reproductive rights. People have to understand Democrats are trying to lead voters down the path of unrighteousness with sin, temptation and idolatry while supporting abortion and reproductive rights. Kamala Harris is not God trying to please voters on what to believe on abortion and reproductive rights, marriage equality. This is supposed to be one nation under God. I can understand why Dr. Martin Luther King Jr did not believe in politics because of Galatians 1:10. I am starting to think the same as him, as I do not believe in elected politics either. We need to be pleasing God at his kingdom, not please anyone in government or politicians. He may have delivered the “I have a dream” dream speech. Democrats and Kamala Harris are not servants of God how they please voters and promote sin like abortion and reproductive rights to Americans. This is not Godly. That is sinful idolatry to the world. After Democrats die on earth, they will have to answer to God at his kingdom. I think about a person I made friends named Bufus with at Star of Hope Mission in Houston because clients used to call him a pleaser. I tried to help him out spiritually at the time when he was at the Star of Hope Mission in Houston to stop being a people pleaser. I do not believe in pleasing people because we need God at the throne in heaven to do his job as our personal savior and heavenly Father. People pleasers need to move out of the way and let God do his job to bless and praise people from heaven. Turn to the person next to you and say I am not a people pleaser. I believe God has blessed me today and at this moment when I was able to reach out to a landlord in Detroit for an apartment because I meet the requirements for the apartment and it's affordable. Detroit is a second home to me because I lived in Detroit for a total of two years. If I need additional income, I can continue to do jobs with people ready out there. Only thing I have to do is take what I got from staff at Star of Hope Mission in Houston and family members to save my money for the apartment and move in the apartment the last week in October 2024. I have been thinking about everything with the pros and cons since I have been here in Chicago and I may just try to get back to Michigan by October 25 as the official date to leave to go back to Michigan. My thinking and decisions come from above and do not lean on my own understanding.

What do males need to do on this scripture?

1. Stop trying to please women to try to go out on dates with them and enter into relationships that cause unexpected pregnancies.

2. Stop trying to please women with your pants hanging off your behind thinking stuff like that looks good. I want to excuse my negative language about what I am about to say. I agree with Madea in the movie "My Big Happy Family" when she says somebody needs to slap the hell out of the people that came up with sagging. Males call it swag. What is swag? What happened to the times during the civil rights movement and 1950s when males cared about their appearance by dressing up in suits and looking more professional and presentable
3. Stop acting so shallow in today's dating pool. I think women are not attracted to men anymore because women in today's society have too many high standards and expectations. Males need to stop trying to get to know women too fast to have sex with them and get them pregnant in the short-term without marriage in mind.
 - a. Get to know the woman first for at least short-term to see if you want to spend eternity with her. This will prevent rape, incest, unexpected pregnancies and abortion. Read 1 Corinthians 7
 - b. I know that I am strongly against same-sex marriage, but it say christians are free to marry anyone they choose to marry and spend eternity, but I do not like 1 Corinthians 7:39 because it do not state marrying anyone they choose from the opposite sex. It is like some people can take that scripture the wrong way and tell people to go out to get married as straight and/or LGBTQ individuals. I strongly believe in 1 Corinthians 7:12-16 because people need to marry and spend eternity with one another that share the same faith.
 - i. *"Now, I will speak to the rest of you, though I do not have a direct command from the Lord. If a fellow believer[a] has a wife who is not a believer and she is willing to continue living with him, he must not leave her. And if a believing woman has a husband who is not a believer and he is willing to continue living with her, she must not leave him. For the believing wife brings holiness to her marriage, and the believing husband brings holiness to his marriage. Otherwise, your children would not be holy, but now they are holy. (But if the husband or wife who isn't a believer insists on leaving, let them go. In such cases the believing husband or wife is no longer bound to the other, for God has called you to live in peace.) Don't you wives realize that your husbands might be saved because of you? And don't you husbands realize that your wives might be saved because of you?"-1 Corinthians 7:12-16*
 - ii. *"A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. If her husband dies, she is free to marry anyone she wishes, but only if he loves the Lord."-1 Corinthians 7:39*
 - c. When you get a woman pregnant, males need to commit to marriage and take more responsibility. I want to let women know to work with the man that does everything together at the time because you do not want to be like my mother and not compromise with my biological father and marry him to live in the household to take more responsibility. She did not think about that option before letting my grandmother on my mother's side of the family marry my stepfather. My grandmother needs to confess and repent that too. My mother did not honor Ephesians 4:2-3 when she got pregnant at age 19. My mother needs to repent her sins that she will not live up to at the time and after I was born because she will not get the forgiveness she needs from God. When she says

she pray for my sister and I but her prayer will not go anywhere. She still has sins heart that she and my grandma need to confess and repent for their sins that she is honest and won't live up to in the past. My mother, stepfather and grandmother need to examine themselves if they want to be righteous to God and want their hearts to grow as a mustard seed to heaven. I want to say my mother needs to end the hateful grudge with my aunt on my biological father's side of the family for many years, always talking and saying that she hates her, gossiping and saying bad things about her today.

- i. *“Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.”-Ephesians 4:2-3*
- d. Stop going through the dating scene in an ungodly way. You need to start the dating scene in a spiritual and godly way.

Some people like myself are all about transparency, but individuals in the Bronx back in June 2024 told me not to prove myself to people. People told me if those people do not believe what you do and all about then let them be that way. It is like spiritual people tell me in Detroit as a resident when I was in Detroit at the time that no one cannot judge your heart. People that are thinking you are lying and dishonest are bad apples that spoil the bunch. My advice to you is that you are truthful in your heart and let God judge your good and honest heart is all that matters. Do not worry about what others think of you and what you do. You need to just let them think what they want to think about you because God will judge those people no matter what after they die on earth. Those people are doing nothing but damaging their salvation to lead them to the path of righteousness while on earth and heaven. Those people need to examine themselves. I got good transparency talk and conversation with friends from high school before I moved out of Chicago in September 2015. She told me about the story about the bad apples that spoil the bunch. She says people like me will run into people that act like haters, envious and thinking they know everything about me. She told me to make sure the congregation keeps and obtains all documents and makes them public to provide more transparency. She says it will prevent bad apples that spoil the bunch. Turn to the person next to you and say do not be a bad apple that spoils the bunch. My aunt on my biological father's side of the family mentioned the same thing to me, but she did not explain it that way to make sure the church is transparent to prevent running into haters and envious people that think they know everything about you and what you got going on. Many pastors and religious leaders call those people all about jealousy and envy. These are the key scriptures we need to examine ourselves to prevent any run-ins with any bad apples, envy, jealousy and haters.

I want to say to people at homeless shelters that act envious and jealous towards other people and need to worry about themselves and not no one else. Homeless men and women need to stop worrying about what other people at the homeless shelter or in public about what they got going on and worry about themselves. People's envy and jealousy leads to chaos and consequences for them. This is something that homeless men and women need to do today to examine themselves to put their trust in God and help lead them down the path of righteousness. These are the key scripture needed to read and live by to prevent themselves from being envious and jealousy in their life as a homeless man and/or woman.

- a. *“When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger,*

selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.”-Galatians 5:19-21

- b. *Surely resentment destroys the fool, and jealousy kills the simple.-Job 5:2*
- c. *“A peaceful heart leads to a healthy body; jealousy is like cancer in the bones.”-Proverbs 14:30*
- d. *Don't envy violent people or copy their ways. Such wicked people are detestable to the LORD, but he offers his friendship to the godly.-Proverbs 3:31-32*
- e. *“Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another.”-Galatians 5:26*

“And then he added, “It is what comes from inside that defiles you. 21 For from within, out of a person's heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, 22 adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. 23 All these vile things come from within; they are what defile you.”-Mark 7:20-23

We need to examine ourselves not to be too controlling in what we do in our life daily. We do not need someone like Trump in the White House and the world stage because he represents Mark 7:20-23. When he attacked Kamala Harris' race in an interview, that is Mark 7:20-23 saying and making evil thoughts about people. Trump represents Mark 7:20-23 that says evil thoughts about career politicians and diplomats. Trump is one of those people that need to examine himself and his life. That is why Trump needs to come out publicly and repent. When I read and think about Mark 7:20-23, Trump says he is a Christian but I do not think so in my opinion because he has a bad and dark heart. Trump is all about foolishness, pride, slander and envy. When I read Mark 7:20-23, I am thinking that I still need to examine myself in some areas of my life and personality. I still slander people, but I do it politically by attacking my opponents and politicians. The Bible says we need to love one another. I am not all about greed and it is the reason why the congregation revenue never matches every year because I am not those megachurches that are all about money and mammon. I used to make decisions based on pride and conceit before the Star of Hope Mission in Houston. I worked that while I was in the Spiritual Recovery Program at Star of Hope Mission in Houston last year. We need to have desires for God to serve and trust God as the rock of your salvation. We need to examine ourselves to follow God and the path of righteousness to prevent our backs being backed up against the wall in our life and feel like we cannot succeed on earth based on loving that world, living in bondage, temptation and sin. I want to talk more about homeless men at shelters in this nation because they need to examine themselves because homeless men at homeless shelters like to gossip about people like they know it all. This brings me back to the sermon to the congregation in Houston last year on the topic “Don't Believe the Hype I & II.” Turn to the person next to you and say don't believe the hype from other people. People say the parts of the sermon were powerful in Houston last year when I was in the TLC program after commencement in October 2023.

What does my inner circle of my 49 disciples do to strengthen our faith and fellowship to God? Most people in my inner circle of discipleship live in Michigan, Texas, Georgia, South Carolina, Arizona and Florida.

1. Pray for one another daily.
2. We remain committed to the Bible and let the Bible guide our life

3. We call each other to check up with one another weekly or monthly.
4. We obey God commandments daily
5. We trust God as our source and not the world.
6. We are anointed to God daily.
7. Our inner circle continues to grow where we are and in my case my inner circle of disciples continues to grow in the State of Michigan. That is 100% fact. It means I have a spiritual type support and family in the State of Michigan and Houston, Texas.

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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