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"The entrance of Thy Words giveth light; it giveth understanding to the simple" (Ps 119:130).

Being Well Pleasing in 2017

Heb 13:21
"...working in you that which is wellpleasing in His sight..."

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LIGHTHOUSE BBC GETS READY FOR GIVING OF SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS ON MARCH 19

"Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness" (2 Cor 9:5).

A Word from the PASTOR

The Christian faith is full of the principle of readiness in all matters. The Apostle Paul described himself as being ready to preach the Gospel (Rom 1:15). And then, we are taught to be ready to every good work (Titus 3:1), ready to give an answer to every man that asks concerning our hope (1 Pet 3:15), ready for the Lord's return (Matt 24:44), and in our text above, ready in being involved in the grace of giving.

In Chapters 8 and 9 of 2 Corinthians, the Apostle Paul emphasizes the readiness which he desired to see in the Corinthian believers. And to further be sure of their readiness, he sends to them some brethren to encourage and admonish them in order that they may be found ready indeed even by people who come from Macedonia.

We take this example and admonition of the Apostle to the Corinthian brethren as an admonition for us also as we prepare for our Sacrificial Celebration on March 19. And while we may still have some 5 weeks to go, we take this Biblical principle as something that we should take to heart.

The actual performance of the Corinthian church in this grace of giving was described by the Apostle Paul as a "declaration of their ready mind" (2 Cor 8:19). Such readiness of mind becomes a willingness of mind and a willingness of self. And this was seen in how the Macedonian churches gave. Paul says in 2 Cor 8:3, "For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves..." Paul cites the willingness of mind in 2 Cor 8:12, "For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not."

Let us therefore, as a church, take this readiness to heart and even now, pray to God that he will work in our hearts and minds. Blessings to us all!

Countdown to 41st Anniversary and Sacrificial Celebration: 5 (five) weeks

The Lighthouse Single Working Young People do their share in encouraging all Lighthouse members in getting involved in the seven major areas of ministries in LighthouseBBC. These are the ministries found in Rom 12:6-8.

First Quarter Focus :

Being Well Pleasing in Sacrifice

Phil 4:18, "...having received...from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God."

"Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen" (Eph. 3:21)

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
Lesson No. 1Thes103016-05

TITLE : PAUL'S EVER SACRIFICING ATTITUDE AND TIMOTHY'S MISSION IN THESSALONICA
TEXT : 1 THES 3:1-5

INTRODUCTION

This chapter gives us a glimpse of Paul's ever sacrificing attitude, his self denial in the ministry and his very specific instruction regarding Timothy's mission in Thessalonica.

A) Paul's willingness to sacrifice his own immediate comfort for the benefit of the Thessalonian church

1 Thess 3:1, "…when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left at Athens alone..."

Paul was simply saying that when his yearning and concern for the Thessalonian believers became intolerable, he gave way and let go of his own comfort.

How can he not be willing to let go of his comfort and he says In 1 Thess 2:8, "So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us."

He also tells the Philippian church in Phil 2:17, "Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all."

B) Paul's choice of Timothy to go to Thessalonica

1 Thess 3:2, "And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ..."

Paul had that wisdom to send the choicest of his fellow laborer in the person of Timothy so to maximize the benefit which the Thessalonian church may gain.

He says of Timothy to the Philippian church, Phil 2:19-23, "But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state. For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's. But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel. Him therefore I hope to send presently, so soon as I shall see how it will go with me."

Paul was not simply willing to sacrifice his comfort but he did not leave any stone unturned if only to be sure of the benefit which the church may gain through Timothy.

C) Paul's mission for Timothy.

1) To establish the Thessalonian church.

1 Thess 3:2, "And sent Timotheus...to establish you..."

1 Thess 3:12-13, "…the Lord make you to increase and abound in love...to the end he may stablish your hearts..."

2) To comfort the Thessalonian church.

1 Thess 3:2, "…and to comfort you concerning your faith..."

WATCH The **LIGHTHOUSE CAFE TV TALK SHOW and MGA MUNTING ILAW** every Saturday; and **THE PULPIT**, featuring our Sunday morning services, every Sunday on GCTV, Ch 185 on CIGNAL. Both these probrams are seen every 4am, 10am, 4pm and 10pm on said days. The **Mga Munting Ilaw Kids Show** is seen every Saturday and Sunday, 12n and 5pm. To view the programs in YouTube, simply search for the Lighthouse BBC Channel. Also check the Great Commission TV FB Page.

3) To prepare them for even more suffering.

1 Thess 3:4, "For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know."

1 Thess 2:14, "For ye, brethren...also have suffered like things of your own ountrymen, even as they have of the Jews..."

2 Thess 1:4, "So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure..."

The Lighthouse Single Working Young People (SWYP) illustrate the various involvement in ministries as through the various scenes above, clockwise: the Ministry of Serving, the Ministry of Lifting up, the Ministry of Giving or Supplying, the Ministry of the Word and the Ministry of Helping (or of Showing Mercy). Pastor Reuben commended the fellowship and encouraged them to put the presentation in an AVP.