



"The entrance of Thy words giveth light..." (Ps 119:130a)

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**Being Enriched  
in All Things  
in 2019**

**2 Cor 9:11**  
"...Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness..."

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## OUR ENRICHMENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD AFFECT OUR NATION

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid...Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt 5:14,16).

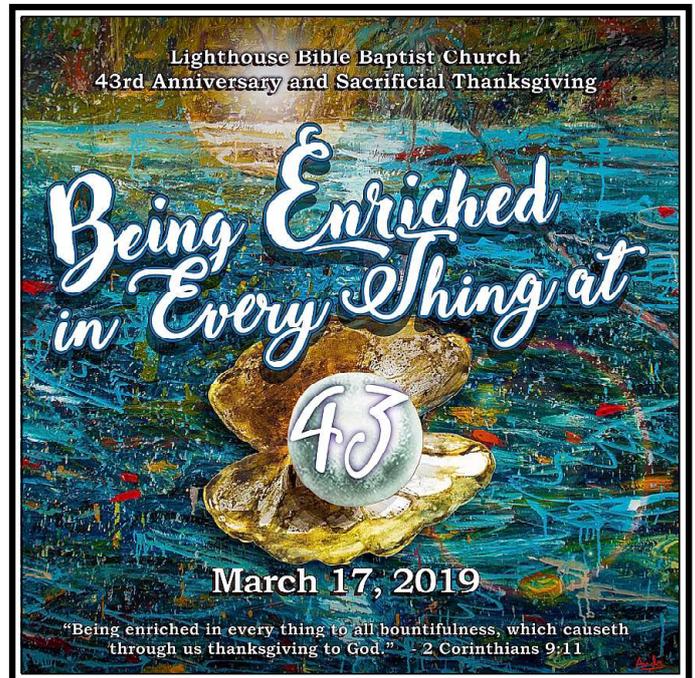
The Lord Jesus Christ Himself gave us, as His people, very specific instructions on how we should be significant in this world, no matter how sinful this world may be around us.

Writing to Titus, the Apostle Paul says in Titus 3:8, "...I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men."

As Lighthouse BBC, we need to sense the things that are "good and profitable unto men." And during these next two weeks, we must do our share in not simply bringing the Gospel to people, but to bringing even to our governance those who can provide leadership to our land consistent with the Gospel upon which we stand.

We are a people of God who do not just simply pray for those who are in authority. We believe that as God makes us to be enriched in all things, even in His love and grace, we extend these enrichment to people around us, in all levels, even in governance. Paul tells the Thessalonian church in 1 Thess 3:12-13, "...the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you..."

Let us be involved in contributing to place the right leaders in our government this election time. Do your share even in campaigning for our own able brothers and sisters gifted by the grace of God in leadership.



PRA preaching at the MBBE Al Qusais in Dubai in a special joint service by 5 MBBE congregations in UAE last Friday night. Earlier in the day he preached at MBBE Al Ain.

**Second Quarter Focus :**

*Being Enriched by Him in All Gifts According to His Grace*

"...ye come behind in no gift...." (1 Cor 1:7).

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

TITLE : INTRODUCTION TO 1 TIMOTHY

**A) Background**

The letters of Paul to Timothy and Titus are traditionally called "Pastoral Letters" because in these letters, Paul lays down some foundational truths about churches through Timothy and Titus, being pastors.

**B) Authorship**

This epistle was written by Paul. Prevailing opinion is that this was written between his first and second imprisonment between AD65 and 67. Paul met Timothy during his 2nd missionary journey about AD51. He wrote this letter to Timothy from Macedonia some 15 to 16 years later before his last visit to Jerusalem.

Paul's travel notes in 1 Tim through Titus (1:3; 2 Tim 1:17; 4:9, 13, 20; Titus 1:5; 3:12) do not match events in Acts. These, plus Paul's mention of his impending death in 2 Tim suggest the following after the narrative in Acts:

- He was released from house arrest mentioned in Acts 28:30-31;
- He traveled extensively (as reflected in the above mentioned references);
- He was then arrested again. This seems to be a situation as gleaned from 2 Tim 1:17; 4:9, 13, 20). The following verses suggest prison life (2 Tim 1:8; 2:9; 4:6-22).

It is believed that 1 Timothy was the first epistle to be written from Macedonia (1:3). The epistle to Titus came later, and 2 Timothy some 3-5 years later.

**C) Reason for the writing**

Several reasons can be seen for the writing of this epistle:

- To encourage Timothy in his faith (chp 1);
- To instruct him concerning church structure and organization (chp 2-3);
- To instruct him concerning pastoral leadership and conduct (chp 4-6).

**D) About Timothy**

- A native of Lystra (Acts 16:1);
- His mother was a Jewess, his father was a Greek. Mother's name was Eunice, Grandmother's name was Lois (2 Tim 1:5);
- He joined Paul on his 2nd missionary journey, about AD51 (Acts 16:3).
- His choice indicated of God (1 Tim 1:18);
- He was set apart by the elders and Paul (1 Tim 4:14; 2 Tim 1:6);
- He accompanied Paul to Troas, Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea. He stayed at Berea until Paul sent him to Athens (Acts 17:14-15);
- He was sent back to Thessalonica (1 Thes 3:1-2);
- Upon return from Thessalonica, Paul had gone to Corinth (Acts 18:5; 1 Thes 3:6);
- He joined in writing the Thessalonian letters (1 Thes 1:1; 2 Thes 1:1);
- Later Paul sent him from Ephesus to Corinth (1 Cor 4:17);
- Paul joined him in Macedonia, and he joined in the writing of 2 Cor (Acts 19:22; 2 Cor 1:1);
- He went part way on Paul's journey to Jerusalem (Acts 20:4);
- He is mentioned to be with Paul in Rome (Phil 1:1; 2:19-22; Col 1:1, Phil 1);
- He is later in Ephesus, where this letter is addressed to him;
- He was urged to come to Rome. Whether he reached Rome before Paul's death is not known;
- He is mentioned in Heb 13:23 as having been released from prison;
- He was timid and retiring by nature, not as well fitted as Titus for handling trouble makers;
- He was not in the best of health (1 Tim 5:23);
- He and Luke were Paul's two most constant companions and Paul loved him so dearly;
- Tradition says that after Paul's death, he had the care of the Ephesian church;
- He suffered martyrdom under Nerva or Domitian, making him a co-worker with the Apostle John.



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ILAW every Saturday; and THE PULPIT, featuring our Sunday morning services, every Sunday on GCTV, Ch 185 on SIGNAL. The Mga Munting Ilaw Kids Show is seen every Saturday and Sunday at 7pm. Moreover, the PopLife TV, Ch 72 on SkyCable also airs Lighthouse Cafe TV Talk Show (Mon-Sat, 6-7am), and Mga Munting Ilaw on Sundays (6:30am) and Thurs (5pm).



**E) About Ephesus**

This was where Paul did his greatest work, about AD54-57 (Acts 19). Some 4 years later after he left Ephesus, from his Roman imprisonment, he wrote the Epistle to the Ephesian Church, about AD62.

A little later, about AD 65-67, he addressed this epistle to Timothy about the work in Ephesus. Later, Ephesus became the home of the Apostle John, where he wrote his Gospel, his epistles and the book of Revelation.

When Paul bade the Ephesian elders farewell in Acts 20:25, he told them that they would not see his face again. It seems, however, his long imprisonment changed his plans, and some 6 or 7 years later, after release from Roman prison, he revisited Ephesus. Passing on to Macedonia, he left Timothy at Ephesus, expecting himself soon to return (1 Tim 1:3; 3:14). Being detained in Macedonia longer than he had planned (3:15), he wrote Timothy this letter. - continued -



Mission Pastor Arnel Dalumpines and the Lighthouse BBC Taytay, Palawan with Pastor Bong Escala when they celebrated their 16th Foundation Day last April 14.

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