



"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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LIGHTHOUSE BBC CELEBRATES LIFE AND MINISTRY OF TATAY ABANTE THROUGH COMMITMENT SUNDAY

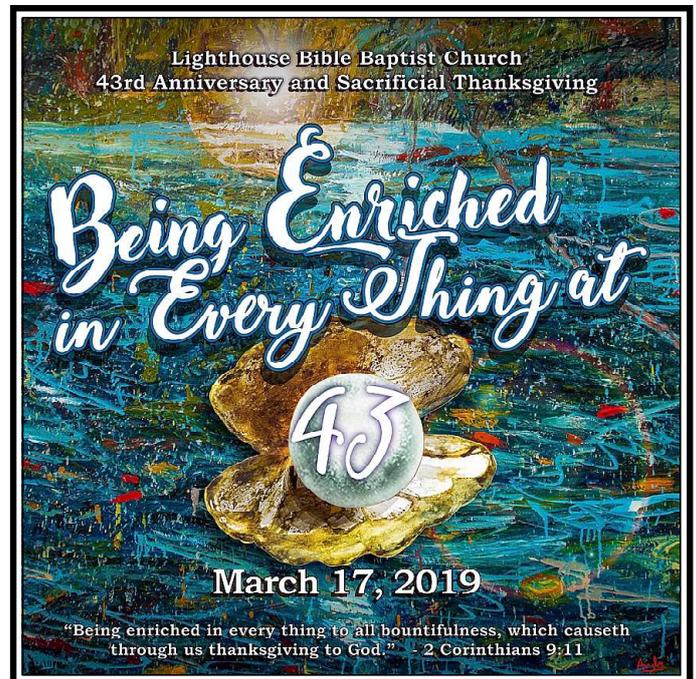
"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor 15:58).

Today, we hold our whole day Commitment Sunday as a Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church, and put into remembrance the life and ministry of our beloved Tatay Ben Abante Sr. In all our services today, we shall be joined by our church families in Metro Manila, our people from Pasig, Cainta and Taguig.

My prayer, as your Senior Pastor, is, for every member of Lighthouse BBC to realize that our enrichment in everything, both as individuals and as a corporate body, should lead to our being more steadfast, unmoveable and abounding in the work of the Lord where God has placed us.

Like Israel, a people chosen by God to be His chosen nation, we also are His people by faith in Christ Jesus. As such, we recognize that it is He Who made us, just as the psalmist declares, Ps 100:3, "Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture." This truth is confirmed by the Apostle Peter in 1 Peter 2:9-10, "...ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy."

Our coming together today, is of no little significance. Each of us should realize the eternal value of being committed to the work of God. And we praise God that there is a Tatay Abante Sr who started this in us! - PRA



The Single Working Young People (SWYP) of Lighthouse BBC, along with Pastor Reuben and some advisers, pose for a picture after the successful TGLFI Partners' Appreciation Night.

Fourth Quarter Focus :

Being Enriched by His abundant grace and, through thanksgiving, glorifying God.

"...that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God..." (2 Cor. 4:15).

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

**TITLE : INSTRUCTIONS FOR LEADERS IN THE
EKKLESIA IN THE FACE OF CHALLENGES OF
THE LATTER TIMES**
TEXT : 1 TIM 4:6-16

INTRODUCTION

In the first 5 verses of this chapter, the Apostle Paul describes to Timothy the character and condition of people during the latter times. In the subsequent verses, the Apostle instructs Timothy how he should conduct his ministry in the face of the challenges of the latter times.

As Lighthouse BBC, we take the instruction of the Apostle Paul to Timothy as instructions also to us and the rest of our leadership. It is rightful that we take instructions from the Word of God on how leaders in the Ekklesia should conduct themselves. We take note that in the previous chapter, Paul gives a solemn reminder to Timothy (and which should also apply to us today and to the rest of our Ekklesia leaders "...that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

A) How Ekklesia leaders should measure their effectiveness.

1 Tim 4:6, "If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained."

This term, "put in remembrance" is something Paul and Peter often wrote in their epistles. In fact, at the beginning of this second epistle to Timothy, Paul told him, "I put thee in remembrance..." (1:6).

The true measure of the effectiveness of preachings and teaching is in how well God's people remember all the things delivered to them. It is in how the truth is remembered that applications come to our lives.

They are not in one-time delivery of preachings and teachings that people remember. They are in the repetitious, sincere and patient ministry that the truth is practically lived by God's people.

B) What Ekklesia leaders should refuse and set as priority.

1 Tim 4:7, "But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness. For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.

Comparison is cited here by the Apostle Paul between the "profane and old wives' fables" (something that relate to what Paul also refers to as "bodily exercise") and godliness.

"Profane and old wives' fables" and "bodily exercise" are the silly myths and irreverent actions which many old wives believe to be of value to the body. They all point to the physical well-being of people, even believing that such bring fortune and luck to the human body.

The Apostle Paul strongly instructs Timothy not only to refuse such attention to the human body but he explicitly teaches Timothy that such things have little value compared to godliness or spiritual exercise. He cites that giving priority to the spiritual comes as a faithful saying and worthy of all consideration.

The attention to the renewing of our mind should be given the highest attention by all believers. Without the renewing of our minds, we will not realize change in our lives and we will never see how the will of God is good, acceptable and perfect of all of His children (Rom 12:2).

C) What motivation Ekklesia leaders should have.

1 Tim 4:10, "For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe. These things command and teach."

The work of the Ekklesia leaders, though hard and exposed to sufferings should be filled with dependency on God. We serve with all our hearts and lives not for our own gain but for the pleasure and glory of God.

Paul says in Gal 1:10, "For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ." Also in 1 Thess 2:4, "But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts."

D) Further responsibilities the leaders in the Ekklesia have.

1 Tim 4:12-15, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."



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The Lighthouse Youth Fellowship members perform their last number during their presentation last Sunday. They encouraged everyone to be involved in the work of the Lord and to be present in the Commitment Sunday today. It is a whole day activity today as we feature several class lectures in addition to our regular services in the morning and evening. Through all these we pray that everyone may commit to be steadfast, unmoveable and abounding in the work of the Lord as we experience God's enrichment in everything.

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