



"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 HOLDS SERVICES AT MOUNT MAKILING RECREATION CENTER NEXT SUNDAY

"And He said unto them, Come all of you yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while; for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat" (Mark 6:31).

"And He took them, and went aside privately into a desert place belonging to the city called Bethsaida" (Luke 9:10b).

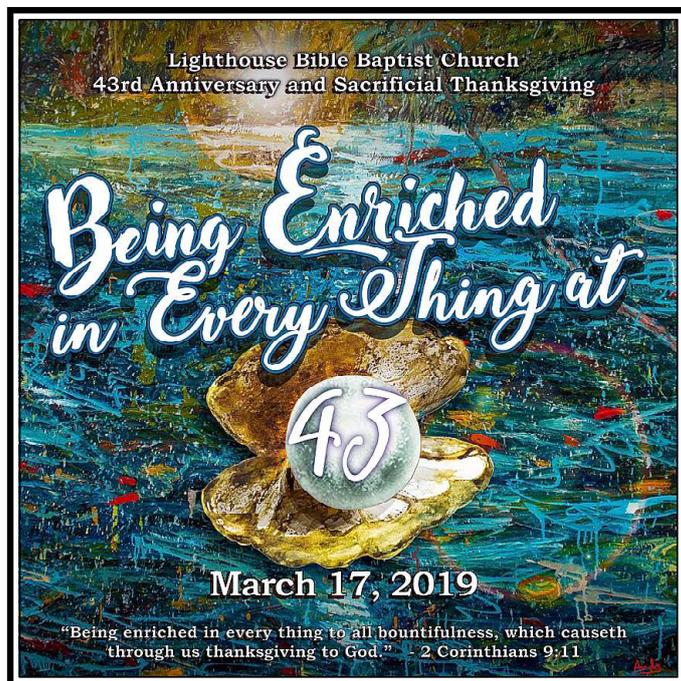
On several occasions, the Lord Jesus gathered His disciples into a private or desert place so they could be by themselves. And we know that the Lord Jesus, together with His disciples, were the very first Ekklesia or church.

Such coming together, even by ourselves, is what we also do as a work of the Lord. We need at times to be by ourselves to appreciate our being His people and value how He had made us.

Psalms 100:3 says, "Know all of you 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."

While we are known to be existing as a church in our respective places, we are actually a church wherever we are assembled. And sometimes, it is worth assembling ourselves in a different place so we actually can have the sense that we are not limited and defined by a certain area.

As your Pastor therefore, I ask that all our people be at the Mount Makiling ReCreation Center in Sto. Tomas, Batangas next Sunday, December 22 and there hold our services. Be there in our usual time of services in the morning, starting with our Lighthouse Enrichment and Development Class at 9am, followed by our Morning Worship at 10am. See you there. - PRA



Pastor Reuben as he invites mothers to receive Christ after a message delivered by Brother Tony Hernandez yesterday during the gift-giving to mothers in the community.

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 Single Working Young People (SWYP) used their schedule presentation to invite everyone in Lighthouse to attend the Lighthouse Family Camp on Dec 21-23 to be held at the Mount Makiling ReCreation Center in Sto Tomas, Batangas. As of this writing, about 220 have already registered. The SWYP continues to invite everyone, even non-members of Lighthouse BBC to attend the camp. Registration is still open. But both campers and non-campers should be at the Sunday services at the site next week.

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