



"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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THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT TO VOTE - BOTH A PRACTICAL AND A VIRTUOUS OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S WORD

"Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake..." (1 Pet 2:13a).

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers...do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: for he is the minister of God to thee for good...Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake" (Rom 13:1-5).

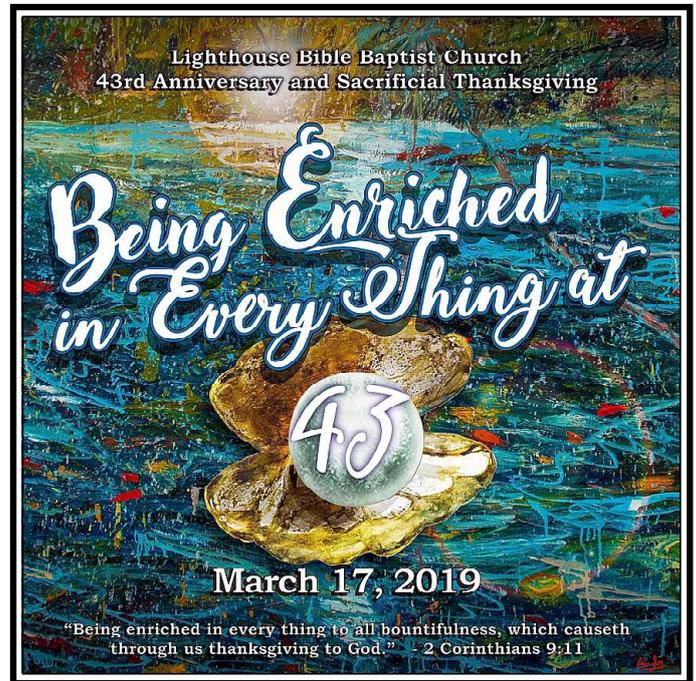
As a Bible-believing church, we put ourselves in total obedience to the Word of God not only in matters of our engagement as a spiritual house, but also as God's people living in this world. This obedience is a responsibility that we have - both in submission to the "powers that be" and to "every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake."

While we are "not of this world" (John 17:14,16), we are also careful to "maintain good works" because these are of necessary use and are good and profitable unto men" (Titus 3:8,14).

We need to realize that we do this submission not simply to show that we submit, but we do this responsibly. This means we do not simply do practical obedience but virtuous obedience.

Practical obedience is diligence. And to this diligence are more virtues. 2 Peter 1:5-7 says, "...giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity."

Let us therefore exercise our privilege to vote - both as a matter of practical and virtuous obedience to the Word of God.



Dr. Enrico Torres, 2nd Nominee of the PEACE Party List, one of Lighthouse BBC's key leaders, speaks before a large membership of the Indigenous People (IPs) in the country.

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)

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
Special Sunday School Lesson

TITLE : BIBLICAL QUALIFICATION OF CIVIL SERVANTS

TEXTS :

Exod 18:21, "...thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens..."

Deut 1:13, "Take you wise men, and understanding, and known among your tribes, and I will make them rulers over you."

INTRODUCTION

According to Ex 12:37-38, the children of Israel which journeyed out of Egypt were about 600,000 men, beside children, plus a mix multitude. Because of this, many Bible commentators put their total number to about 2 million, including women and children. This means, Moses faced a challenge in leading such a number.

In Ex 18, Jethro, his father-in-law, counseled Moses to provide out of all the people rulers who would lead the nation with him. And Jethro included in his counsel the qualifications of such leaders:

1) Civil leaders should be able leaders. May kakayanang mamuno.

Ex 18:21, "...provide out of all the people able men..."

The ability given here is in the area of leadership. This includes ability to influence and mobilize people through whatever situation, condition, and that with strong determination not to be side-tracked.

Such kind of strong leadership was exemplified by Joshua. Josh 1:7-8, "...be thou strong and very courageous.....turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest."

This includes the ability of not being swayed. Prov 29:12, "If a ruler listens to lies, all his officials will be wicked." CJB

2) Civil leaders should have the fear of God. May takot sa Dios.

Ex 18:21, "...provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God..."

People who have the fear of God are those who, because of their recognition of the Person, authority, power, and will of God, are careful to be consistent with His virtues as being true, righteous, holy, just, etc.

Wisdom begins when there is fear of God. Ps 111:10, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments..."

3) Civil leaders should stand for truth. Makatotohanan.

Ex 18:21, "...provide out of all the people...men of truth..."

This is more than just being honest. More than just doing what is right. This is being truthful.

The quality of being honest and right should stand on the platform of truth. In our time, the definition of honest and right are based on man-made laws - which is not always according to truth!

2 Cor 13:8, "For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth."

4) Civil leaders should hate covetousness. They should be people who give of themselves, ever willing to give service. Mapagkawang-gawa. Mapaglingkod.

Ex 18:21, "...provide out of all the people...men of truth, hating covetousness..."

As governance is ordained to deliver good to the people, everyone in it must serve not for self-gain. There should be no room for covetous people in government, who think only of themselves. Governance is service. It is service beyond one's self.

Signal 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 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).

GCTV SHARING BLESSINGS

Prov 15:27, "He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live."

5) Civil leaders should be competent. They should be learned and skillful. May kahusayan.

Deut 1:13, "Take you wise men..."

Joseph exemplified this quality when he rose to become governor of Egypt. Gen 41:39-40, "And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art: thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou."

Joseph offered solution to the pressing problem Egypt was facing. He offered practical knowledge and for this reason, Egypt survived the famine.

Such should also be the quality of those who should be elected into office. - continued -



The Lighthouse Youth Fellowship (LYF) presenting their short play about the Enrichment of the Ekklesia in the gifts according to the Grace of God.

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