



"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 TO HONOR MOTHERS NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 26

"...a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates" (Prov 31:30b-31).

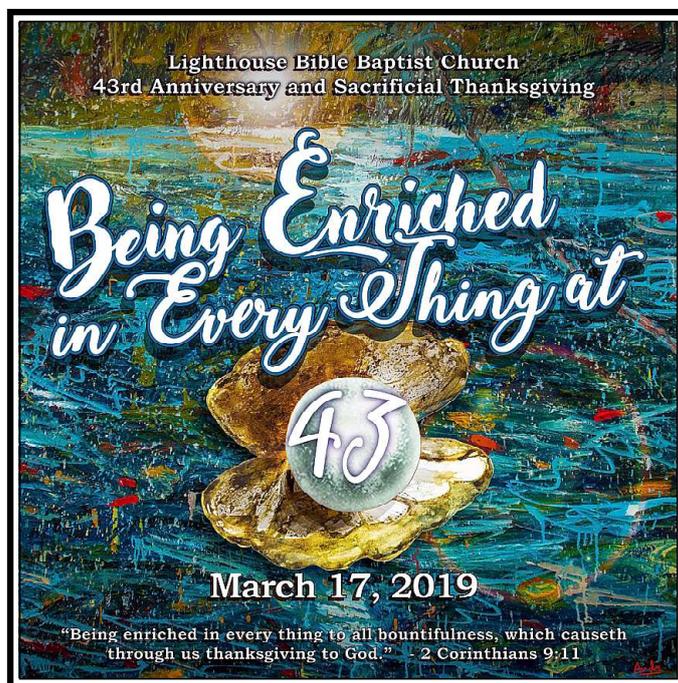
There is much that the Word of God promises to all those who fear the Lord. And for the woman who manifests this virtue, the Bible says, "...she shall be praised."

What does it mean when people fear the Lord? Prov 8:13 says, "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate." Ps 34:11-13 says, "Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord...Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile."

The Apostle Peter puts this into proper perspective when he wrote about the conversation and adorning of women in 1 Peter 3:1-4, "the conversation of the wives...behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear...whose adorning...be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."

It is clear from the Scriptures, that for women and mothers, the virtue of the fear of the Lord translates to qualities of purity, modesty, being respectful, humble, meek and of having a quiet (or gentle and peaceful) character.

These qualities transcend time and generations. They are never outdated, never out of fashion. They are, in Peter's description, "in the sight of God great price." Such is always worthy of praise and honor.



The Single Working Young People illustrate the clear eyesight of those who add virtuous qualities to all their diligence in serving God according His grace.

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 Domitia, making him a co-worker with the Apostle John.



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).



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 -



Picture above shows leaders and pastors of BIBLEMODE praying for Pastor Benny Abante Jr, along with Mrs Marie Paz Abante and Atty Princess. Pastor Benny and Atty Princess won new terms as House Representative and Councilor of the 6th District of Manila respectively during last week's National and Local Midterm Election.

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