



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

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**Able to Do Abundantly in 2020**

**Eph 3:20**

"...He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think..."

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## KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM - THE KEY TO BE SAFE FROM THREATENING VIRUS

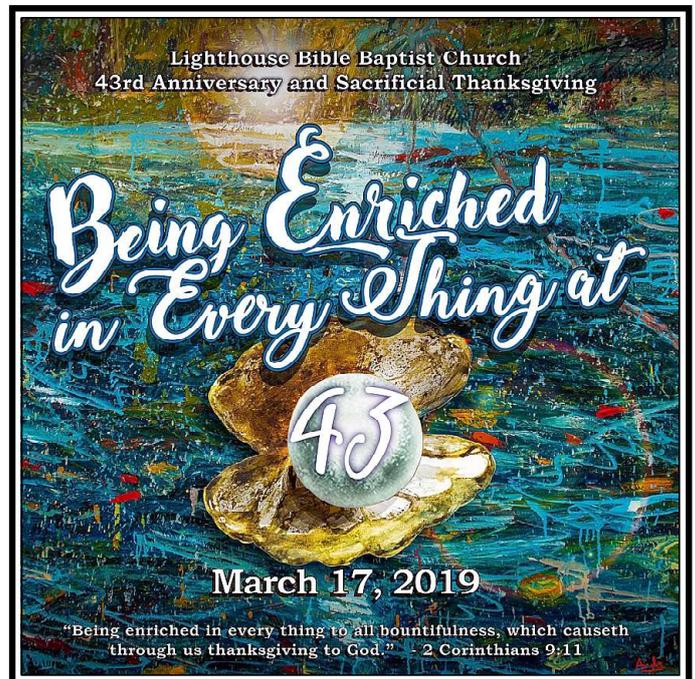
"When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee" (Prov 2:10-11).

There is much over-reaction to the threat of the novel coronavirus (2019 nCoV) to many people and communities around us, to the point of being suspicious of each other and even discriminating against all the Chinese. This should not be so for those who are in Lighthouse BBC. For all we know, everyone faces threat to our lives and safety on a daily basis anywhere we are.

The believer and the whole Ekklesia are all in a constant spiritual battle. Paul reminds us, "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand" (Eph 6:11-13). Add to this what Peter says in 1 Peter 5:8, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

Our text above is the key to being safe. Let us have knowledge and wisdom. Paul continues in Eph 5:15-17, "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is."

Let us therefore have knowledge about the nCoV, be in good health and observe hygiene and cleanliness. This is how to be safe. - PRA



The Lighthouse District 4 ending their play showing how in the workmanship of God, every member of the Ekklesia submits to His design and plan. An Obra Maestra.

First Quarter Focus :

*Able to Do Abundantly as His Ekklesia*

"...It is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure..." (Phil 2:13).

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

**TITLE : DIRECTIONS REGARDING TREATMENT OF  
CHURCH MEMBERS**  
**TEXT : 1 TIM 5**

**INTRODUCTION**

In Paul's letter to Ephesians, the very church which Timothy pastored, he taught that the Ekklesia is one body that is "fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part..." (Eph 4:16).

Paul also taught in 1 Cor 12:12 that the Ekklesia is one body, that has "many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ."

Moreover, Paul writes in 1 Cor 12:23, "And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness."

What this truth teaches us is, there should be proper relationship and treatment of members of the Ekklesia. And Paul leaves no stone unturned to be sure that this is taught to Timothy to equip him in being used by God to build His people.

This lesson fits our Lighthouse BBC focus this first quarter of the year because it builds us up to be able to do abundantly as an Ekklesia.

**A) Instructions on relationship with and treatment of elders in the Ekklesia**

1 Tim 5:1, "Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren."

As the Ekklesia is a body of people, the relationship of each member must be taught and

built. This is necessary so there may be proper treatment of each. If only this is observed, the Ekklesia should not have many petty relational problems and irrational treatment between members. We only need the Word in order that we may have knowledge, wisdom and understanding of the will of God.

**B) Instructions on relationship with and treatment of the desolate**

As the Ekklesia being a body of Christ, all members learn to demonstrate care for each other consistent with the New Testament teaching.

1 Cor 12:24-27, "For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked: that there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.

"And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

"Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular."

Rom 12:10-13: "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality."

While these instructions should be done, Paul also instructs families:

1 Tim 5:8, "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."

Also, 1 Tim 5:16, "If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed."

**1) The recognition given to widows indeed. Widows indeed represent the desolate and destitute in the Ekklesia, in so far as sustenance is concerned.** Even Israel as a nation was commanded not to turn their backs to the fatherless and widows. Widows were not to be afflicted or made a prey (Deut 16:11; 27:19; Jer 7:6; Isa 10:2).

The early Jerusalem church recognized the help to be given to widows. So they appointed seven of the men to attend to them (Acts 6:1-4).

**2) While there is instruction to recognize the need of those who are desolate and destitute, the primary work of the Ekklesia must continually be attended to.**

The Ekklesia and the ministry may extend help to those who are really left to themselves. But those who are not so should be extended help by their relations.

Faith is something that is applied both within the confines of the Ekklesia and the home, being institutions of God. It is faith when relatives take care of their own and this is mentioned to be acceptable to God (4).

**3) Younger widows are advised not to live in pleasure and self-gratification.** Paul advises that in 1 Tim 5:14, "I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully."



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The Lighthouse District 4 rendered an excellent play illustrating the rich land of grace where Christ's servants are placed by Him according to His design and plan. The play refers to this scene as a workmanship of God, an Obra Maestra which everyone in the Ekklesia must realize. The play was written by Mark Rosales and it puts into very practical perspective how believers in the work of God should be willing to submit to the design and plan of God for the all members.

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