



"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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## LIGHTHOUSE BBC GEARS UP FOR THE 44TH ANNIVERSARY AND SACRIFICIAL GIVING CELEBRATION WHICH COMES IN 4 WEEKS

"And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, and sent messengers before his face...to make ready for him" (Luke 9:51-52).

"Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have. For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not" (2 Cor 8:11-12).

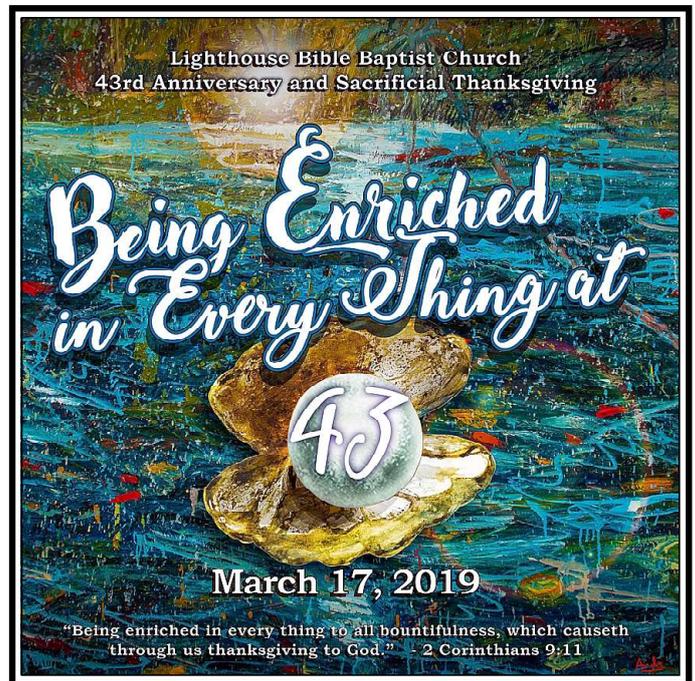
**R**eadiness is a quality which all Bible believers should have; a quality that should not simply look forward to an occasion, but to something that the whole Ekklesia should perform willingly and intentionally.

As people who have trusted Christ, we should be ready anytime He comes back. And this readiness should be seen in how we actually do the work of the Lord, as He performs His will in us.

As we look forward to the celebration of our 44th year as a church and give to God for the work our sacrificial offerings, let us all consider the quality of being ready in all areas of our lives. We not only offer to God something that comes from our abilities. When the Macedonian churches gave their sacrificial offering, their willingness to give went beyond their power. Paul says in 2 Cor 8:3, "I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves." Thus, when he taught the Corinthian believers how to give, he told them to perform out of their readiness to will, having first a willing mind.

Let this be the most important readiness we have as an Ekklesia as we look forward to our 44th Anniversary.

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The three men of the Lighthouse District 6 (Brothers Dennis, Moses and Robert) illustrate through their short play how the usefulness of the gifts of God should be learned early in life. Their sons Dennis Jr, Moses Johan and Raj represented them during their younger days.

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

**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).

There are basically three kinds of widows presented in our text:

- a) Widows who are deeply religious but destitute. They are desolate, trusting in God and continuing in supplications daily (vs 3-5; 9-10);
- b) Widows who are not so destitute having children and family to take care of them (v 4, 16);
- c) Widows who are fond of gaiety and pleasure (v 6, 11-13, 15).

**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." This admonition is for the purpose that they may not be turned aside and thus destroy their testimony and stop being a blessing (vs 15, 11-12).



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The Lighthouse District 6 do their finale number using Pastor Reuben's message, The Good, Acceptable Will of God and how the love of God, the will of God, the pleasure of God and the presence of God should be seen in everyone who comprise the work of God, that is, the Ekklesia.

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