



"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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## BIBLEMODE AND ABC HOST THE FIRST NATIONAL BAPTIST DAY ON THURSDAY

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim 2:1-4).

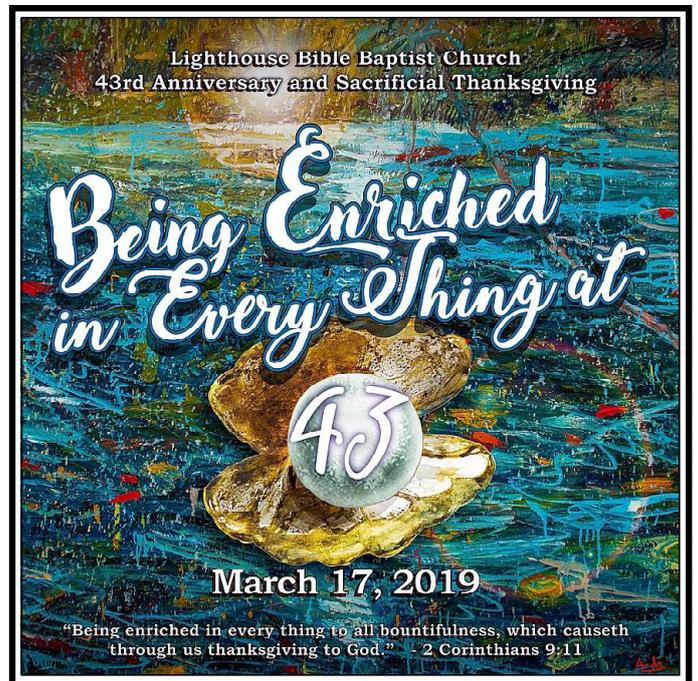
The Apostle Paul's instruction to the younger Timothy is a very sound approach which churches today should do. This epistle of Paul to Timothy also serves as a letter to all pastors and church leaders who take the lead in what God's people should actually do according to the will of God.

The better way to understand the application of Paul's exhortation is to start from verse 4. The last verse in our text teaches us that it is God's will for all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

The way to get this done is to do what is good and acceptable before His sight (v3). If we work towards having lives in our society where there is quiet and peace with added virtues of godliness and righteousness, uprightness or simply, honesty, we are sure that we please Him.

And how can we have such kind of condition in our society? This is answered by what the Apostle Paul says in verse 1 and which all believers must put as a priority: that of offering to God supplications, prayers, intercessions, petitions and even thanksgiving for all men, including those who are in positions of authority.

What the BIBLEMODE and the Alliance of Baptist Councils hold on Thursday comes consistent with this truth. Be at the National Baptist Day.



The Lighthouse District 1 begins the New Year 2020 with a presentation that encourages doing more for God according to the many gifts He bestows.

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)*

**ENRICHMENT & DEVELOPMENT CLASS LESSON**  
Special New Year Lesson

**TITLE : OUR ENRICHMENT.**  
**THE LORD KNOWS WHAT WE DO.**  
**TEXT : REV 2:1-5**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Lord's letter to the Ephesian church is a good year-end lesson for the whole Lighthouse BBC considering the enrichment that we have in all the gifts God has bestowed to us. We might think ourselves so enriched that we do not see what things we lack. As we look forward to the New Year 2020, we need to have a good 20/20 vision.

The Ephesian church was the lead church in the whole of Asia minor having been pioneered by the Apostle Paul himself along with Aquila and Priscilla. Paul had deep personal relationship with the whole church. He wrote an epistle to them. He left them his son in the faith, Timothy.

After some significant years of existence as a church, the Lord Jesus writes to them through the Apostle John in our text and tells them how He knows what they do.

**A) The Lord knows their works - WHAT WE DO WITH PURPOSE.**

It was to the Ephesian church to which the Apostle Paul wrote the great truth about the gift of God that is salvation by grace through faith. To them also was written the great truth about our being the workmanship of God, created in Christ Jesus - a workmanship designed for good works. See Eph 2:8-9; Eph 2:10; 2 Tim 1:8-9; 2 Tim 3:16-17).

The working of the work of God with purpose is therefore not new to the Ephesian church.

**B) The Lord knows their labor - WHAT WE DO WITH COMMITMENT AND DETERMINATION.**

Before the Apostle Paul left for Jerusalem, he declared to them his determination in life and service as an Apostle. See Acts 20:18-35.

They were taught to labor with commitment and determination.

**C) The Lord knows their patience - WHAT WE DO WITH HOPE.**

The Ephesian church was established in the hope of God's calling. They knew that in this hope, they must have patience.

Eph 1:18, "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints."

**D) The Lord knows how they could not bear them which were evil; how they tried them and found them to be liars - WHAT WE DO WITH VIGILANCE.**

Acts 20:28-30, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them."

**E) The Lord knows what they have borne, what patience they showed and how for His Name's sake have labored, and have not fainted - WHAT WE DO WITH DILIGENCE.**

The Apostle Paul showed them by example and by way of instruction how they should be diligent in the work.

Acts 20:18-21, "And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons, serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the

lying in wait of the Jews: and how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:31-34, "Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears...Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me."

**F) The Lord knows that they lacked...Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love - WHAT WE DO OUT OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST IN US.**

The very first truth that Paul gave them...

Eph 1:4, "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love."

Eph 3:16-19, "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."



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Ministry people are not exempted from disappointments, failures, feelings of rejection and other negative thoughts as they do the work. But the many gifts bestowed by God according to His grace comes sufficient for them to rise above any negative situation. The Lord gave the Apostle sufficient working grace. This same grace gave him strength in the midst of weakness and negative situations. The Apostle Paul writes in 2 Cor 12:9, "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

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