



"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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## 8-WEEK COUNTDOWN LEADING TO 44th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BEGINS

"Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is" (Eph 5:16-17).

This verse should serve as a good guide as we look forward to the 44th Anniversary Celebration of the Lighthouse BBC come March 22, 2020, just eight Sundays from now. Another good passage is found in Ps 90:12, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

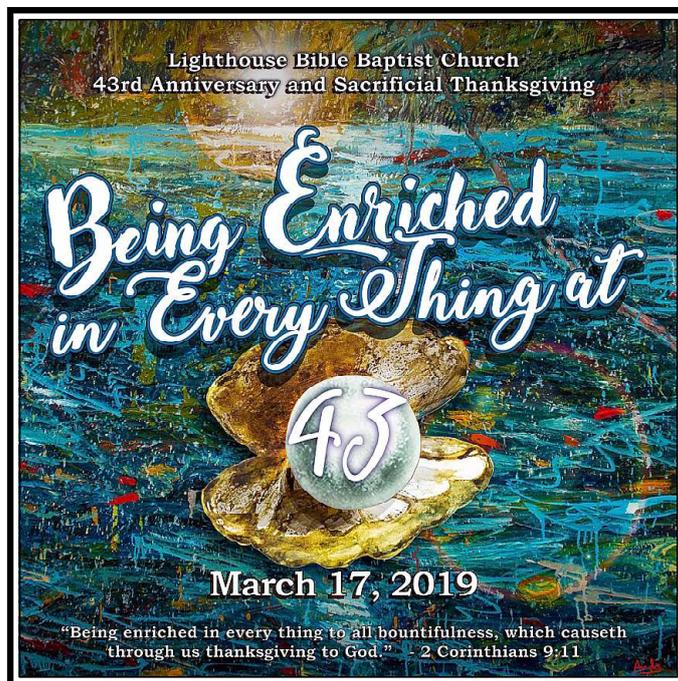
As we look forward to this momentous event as an Ekklesia, let us consider the things we need to do and do them abundantly. When we know the limited time we have, then we realize that we need to have more wisdom, prudence, circumspect in doing all the preparation for such.

On March 7, 2 weeks before our anniversary, we shall also have our Community Wellness Outreach Program (CWOP). We do this, not only to show care for our community people but to reach them with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

During this short 8-week countdown, let us enjoy all our people to being prepared, not just for a celebration, but for a sacrifice. As we all know, we give our sacrificial offerings each time we celebrate our anniversary.

Let this 44th Anniversary Celebration and Sacrificial Giving be a celebration and sacrifice, not just of a few but of all the Lighthouse BBC members. Our focus for this first quarter says this with clarity - Able to Do Abundantly as an Ekklesia.

Let us then move forward to these eight Sundays with this thing in mind. Enjoin everyone from the youngest to the oldest of our people. Let us all be God's peculiar people, zealous of good works.



Pastor Reuben gave an exhaustive exposition of the whole book of Ephesians last Sunday and used the same as guidelines for the whole Lighthouse BBC on how ministries should be done this year 2020. The lesson clearly shows how the Lighthouse BBC ministries are patterned from the New Testament Churches.

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.

Aside from being related to each other by faith in Jesus Christ, it is here acknowledged that the members of the Ekklesia are of different age brackets. And for orientals, there is much respect given to older people.

Before the Ekklesia learns what to do together and abundantly, each member has to recognize that he/she must establish relationship with others.

There is always a tendency for people to mistreat someone else even in the Ekklesia. For one, members come from different settings in life. For another, while everyone may be saved, everyone is yet in the flesh. The instruction therefore should not surprise everyone in the

Ekklesia. And this is the very reason why Paul puts clarity on this issue, lest mistreatment may lead to the absence of growth in the Ekklesia.

It is in treating elder men as fathers, the elder women as mothers and younger men and women as brothers and sisters, respectively that actions may be done properly. And rebuke is not always the way to deal with people. Intreatment or entreatment is one thing that many believers in the Ekklesia should know and be able to do.

The word intreat or entreat as used in this passage means "to call near, i.e. invite, invoke (by imploration, hortation or consolation); beseech, call for, (be of good) comfort, desire, (give) exhort (-ation), intreat, pray." There is much respect and honor shown in this meaning.

1 Cor 12:23-25, "those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour...there should be no schism in the body."



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The new theme for 2020, "Able to Do Abundantly in 2020" provides depth to the song being sung by the Lighthouse Collab, "For the Cause of Christ" as the Ministry Sunday was held last Sunday in which Pastor Reuben taught for 3 hours the whole book of Ephesians.

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