



"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 GOES INTO 3RD QUARTER OF 2020 WITH NEW FOCUS

"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the
Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him"
(Col 3:17).

As a church, we have practically spent the whole of the 2nd quarter of the year 2020 in quarantine. We have been made limited in so many ways; but our God is a limitless God! What happened was He enabled us, according to His ability, not only to continue as a work of the Lord, but to manifest His manifold grace in us in the many areas of our gift-based ministries! And we thank the Lord because this is the truth behind our focus for the 2nd quarter: Able to Do Abundantly According to the Ability that God Gives.

We now enter this 3rd quarter of the year with the desire to be thankful to the Lord as we continue to do abundantly in His vineyard.

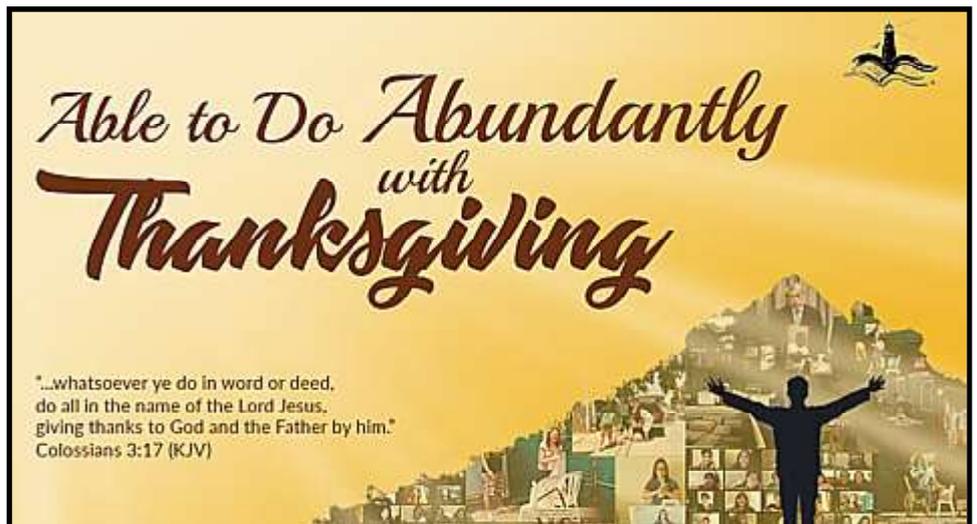
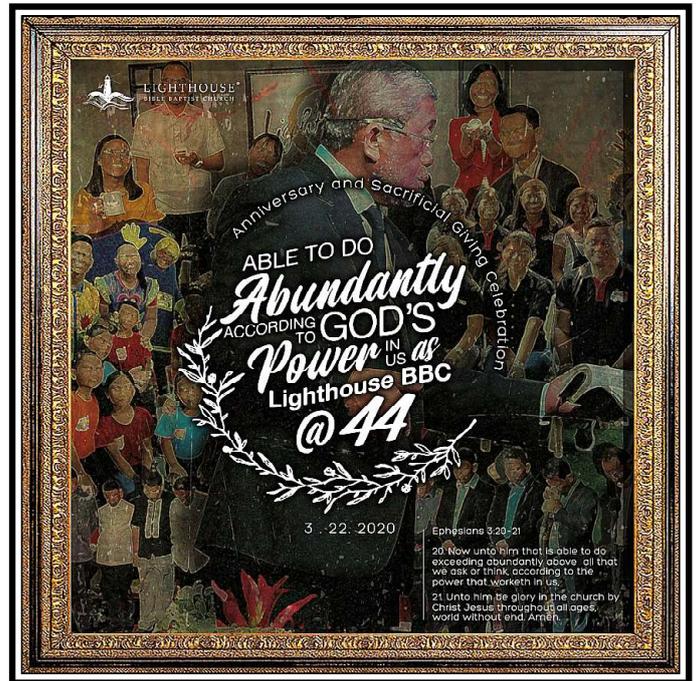
Our text above is an instruction given to us by the Lord through the Apostle Paul. Accordingly, we are told to do everything we are to do in the Name of the Lord Jesus; and in doing so, we are to continuously give thanks to God and the Father by Him.

This instruction is actually detailed in Col 1:10-12 when Paul told the Colossian church, "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light."

These verses detail the "whatsoever we do in word or deed." These are the following:

- 1) We are to show that we walk worthy of the Lord in everything that pleases Him;
- 2) We are to remain fruitful in every are of ministry;
- 3) We are to be grow in our personal knowledge of God in every thing we do;
- 4) We are to draw strength from Him as we joyfully go through all experiences that require patience and longsuffering;
- 5) We are to continuously do all these things with thanksgiving to the God our Father because of the glorious inheritance given to us.

This COVID-19 pandemic is not just a new normal for us as an Ekklesia. This is actually an opportuned time for us to show how we can manifest the qualities of a true New Testament church, much like how the churches in the New Testament went through many tough experiences during their time, but the Lord saw them through!
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Third Quarter Focus :

Able to Do Abundantly with Thanksgiving

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

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TEXT : COL 3:17, "AND WHATSOEVER YE DO IN
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FATHER BY HIM."

INTRODUCTION

The Bible does not lack in anything thing that churches like us should know. And from the knowledge of these things, comes the doing - with wisdom and understanding of the will of God in us as Ekklesia.

C) What we should do, we base from what the New Testament churches did.

1) The Jerusalem church

Acts 2:41-47, "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

"And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

"And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

"And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

"And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

"And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

2) Churches in Judaea

Gal 1:21-24, "Afterwards I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia; and was unknown by face unto the churches of Judaea which were in Christ: but they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed. And they glorified God in me."

3) The church in Antioch

Acts 11:28-30, "And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.

Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea: which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul."

Acts 13:1-3, "Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away."

4) The Galatian churches

Gal 5:1, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

Gal 5:13-26, "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

"This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh....Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these;

Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another."

Gal 6:1-10m "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For every man shall bear his own burden.

"Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

5) The churches in Macedonia

2 Cor 11:9, "And when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied: and in all things I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and so will I keep myself."

2 Cor 8:1-5, "Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; how that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

"For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God."

Phil 4:10-19, "But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity....Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction.

"Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity...I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God. But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

1 Thess 4:9-10, "But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another. And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more." - to be continued -



Coming together through Zoom has become a new normal for young people and toddlers in Lighthouse BBC as can be seen in these pictures.

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