



"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 TO HOLD FATHERS' SUNDAY NEXT WEEK

"Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them. They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded" (Ps 22:4-5).

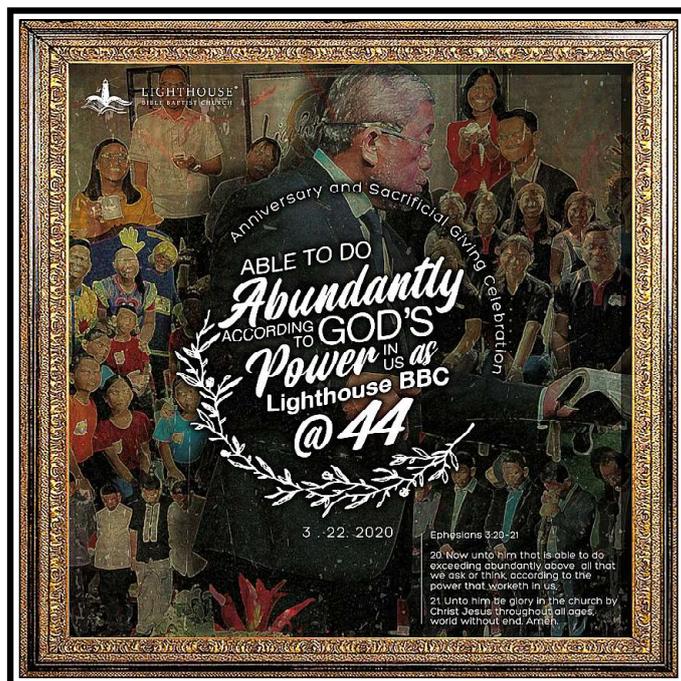
More than any other time, it is during this time of pandemic that we should look back and consider the kind of faith our forefathers had. We would have never come to where we are as an Ekklesia had it not been that there were faithful men who came before us, who trusted in God however tough the challenges were and how God saw them through.

We are blessed with the testimonies of the faith of the Old Testament saints, those who are listed in Hebrews chapter 11, and how they are described as having a good report. Heb 11:39 says, "And these all, having obtained a good report through faith..."

The New Testament churches, too, are filled with testimonies of those who have households, obviously fathers, who are commended for their part in the work of the Lord: names like Aristobulus and Narcissus from the churches in Rome; of Stephanas of Achaia who was commended by Paul himself as being of great comfort to him; of Onesiphorus of Ephesus, and even of Aquila and Priscilla. These are just some of the heads of families mentioned in the great churches in the New Testament. They are, too, fathers of our faith.

Needless to say, we have the testimony of our very own Tatay Abante and those who were with him during his generation, who went through tough times, even more serious than the quarantine periods we are now facing.

As we praise God for them, let us consider how we may also be used by God for those who come after us.



More and more families join the Lighthouse Coming Together through the different Lighthouse Districts. Shown above are some families from Lighthouse District 2.

Second Quarter Focus :

Able to Do Abundantly According to the Ability which God gives.

"...if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ..." (1 Pet 4:11).

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

became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

TITLE : WHAT WE SHOULD DO AS A CHURCH NOW
TEXT : COL 3:17, "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."

INTRODUCTION

Our text was written by the Apostle Paul to the Colossian church. He was practically telling them, "This is what you should do as a church."

What Paul said to the whole Colossian church, he also tells to us now, even as we go through challenging times during this pandemic and quarantine periods.

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.

A) What we should do, we base from what the Lord Jesus had taught and shown to us as example.

1 Peter 2:21, "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps."

John 13:15, "For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you."

1 John 2:6, "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked."

Phil 2:5-8, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and

B) What we should do, we based from what the Apostles and other writers of the New Testament taught.

1 Tim 2:1-3, "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."

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."

1 Tim 6:8-10, "And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

2 Tim 4:1-4, "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

Titus 2:1-10, "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: that the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

"The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; that they may teach the young

women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

"Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

"Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again; not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things."

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."

We shall see more of these commands, instructions, examples that teach us that we can know what to do as Ekklesia. To be continued...



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