



"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 BEGINS COUNTDOWN TO THANKSGIVING THROUGH FIRSTFRUITS

"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).

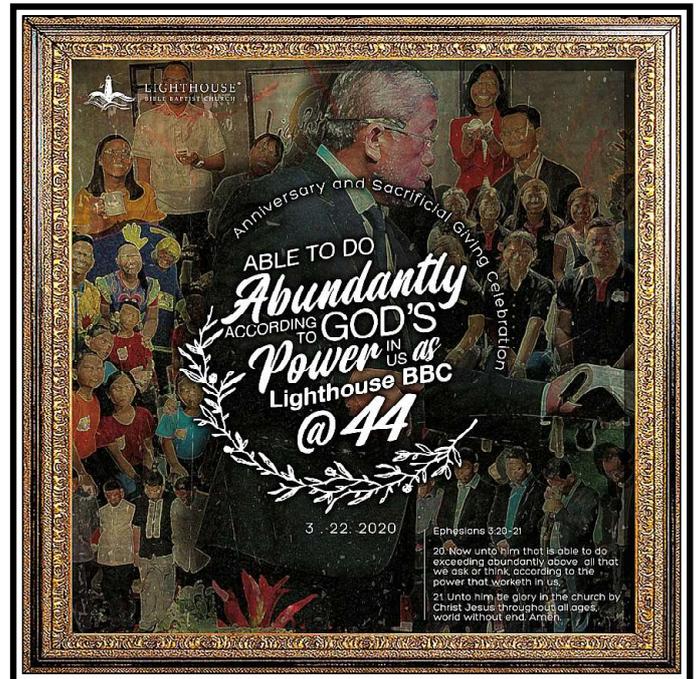
"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thes 5:18).

An Ekklesia is a body of believers who do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus with thanksgiving - and this despite whatever circumstance. This truth is hard to accept but this is true in all the testimonies of the churches in the New Testament.

The Philippian church was one such example. Through their experiences of deep poverty and great trial of affliction, this church extended themselves beyond their power and gave sacrificially; and while doing so, the Apostle told them in Phil 4:4, "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice." The times might have been rough and hard for them, but still Paul wrote in Phil 4:9, "Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you."

The Thessalonian church also had the same example. They became followers of Paul and his companions even after they "received the word in much affliction" and that "with joy of the Holy Ghost" (1 Thes 1:6-7).

As we begin our countdown to our Thanksgiving Through Firstfruits come September 20, let us take the examples of these churches and be true to what we are as a church of the Lord Jesus, and true to our very name, a Lighthouse that bears the truth of the Bible in what we are and do. There is no other way a church should be but according to the word.



FATHERS TAKE THE CENTER STAGE TODAY AS LIGHTHOUSE FAMILY OF CHURCHES HOLDS FATHERS SUNDAY

Pastor Reuben is shown in the picture taking the lead in singing one of the favorite songs of the Lighthouse BBC, Led By the Master's Hand. Pictured with him are some of the fathers within the Lighthouse BBC works who took the encouragement to sing the song for a virtual special number of fathers this day. This picture is a screenshot of what will be shown in the Coming Together today. More screenshots at the 2nd page.



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)

TITLE : WHAT WE SHOULD DO AS A CHURCH NOW
TEXT : COL 3:17, "AND WHATSOEVER YE DO IN
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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 -



These are screenshots of the virtual song number of the fathers in Lighthouse BBC as the church holds Fathers' Sunday today.

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