



"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 BEEFS UP PREPARATION AS CHURCH ENTERS ANNIVERSARY MONTH

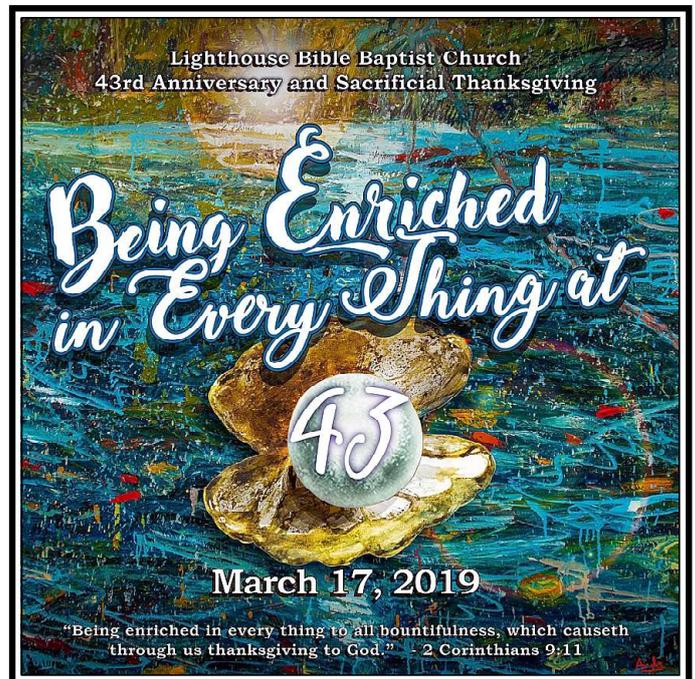
"For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you: for I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many.

Yet have I sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this behalf; that, as I said, ye may be ready: lest haply if they of Macedonia come with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be ashamed in this same confident boasting" (2 Cor 9:1-4).

**B**eing zealous of good works is a trait that is not usually used in describing many members of churches today. But we see from Titus 2:14, we are to be a peculiar people, zealous of good works. We need to see this description true to our lives as God's people.

The zeal of the Corinthian church which the Apostle Paul mentions in the above text is one that provoked very many. As your pastor, I pray that this also be true to us as Lighthouse BBC. The zeal of even a few should provoke many more into getting prepared for our 44th Anniversary and Sacrificial Giving celebration on March 22, which is just three weeks away.

Let us take to ourselves what Paul tells the Corinthian believers in our text. Let us be ready and not be unprepared when the big day comes. And thus this challenge to all of us. Let us be ready in mind, heart. Let us all respond to all of God's goodness, love, mercy and grace to all of us. Let us look at ourselves and see how we are worthy of His calling and choosing. When we consider all these, we shall be able to do abundantly as Lighthouse BBC on March 22. Blessings to us all! - PRA



The Lighthouse Youth Fellowship singing their finale number, the Lighthouse BBC original song, Tugon sa Paglago. The group featured testimonies of different young people as they serve the Lord in the many areas of their involvement - a response to the theme, Able to Do Abundantly in 2020.

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 : INSTRUCTIONS FOR MINISTERS AND  
MINISTRY PERSONNEL  
TEXT : 1 TIM 5:17-25

## INTRODUCTION

The Apostle Paul leaves no stone unturned in giving instruction/directions to everyone in the ministry. The Ekklesia is a body of people. It therefore has to have certain directions in the conduct of the ministry.

### A) Instructions regarding the honor due ministers.

As 1 Tim 5:1 instructs to "Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him as a father", verse 17 further instructs, "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine."

Elders were ordained by the Apostles in those days. Acts 14:23 says, "And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord..." This was something that comes with the order in the church. Paul tells Titus, "For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee" (Titus 1:5).

And because they received an office from the Apostles, they are to minister as to rule or lead in the ministry. As they do, and as they "rule well", they are to be counted worthy of "double honor, especially them who labor in word and doctrine." The term double honor simply means worthy of two-fold value or financial support. The measure of this two-fold value may be based on the most honorable member of the church. Note of course that Paul qualifies this measure by the term "the

elders that rule well..and they who labor in the word and doctrine."

And Paul uses the Scriptures itself in saying, 1 Tim 5:18, "For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward. [Deut 25:4; Luke 10:7.]

The Apostle Paul taught the same truth when he wrote 1 Cor 9:7-14:

- 7 Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?
- 8 Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also?
- 9 For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen?
- 10 Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope.
- 11 If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?
- 12 If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ.
- 13 Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?
- 14 Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

The Lord Jesus Himself taught this truth: Luke 10:7, "And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house."

Since passages from the Old Testament and the New Testament are used in teaching this instruction, we there can say that the law and the Gospel sanction the support given to the ministers of God, especially them who labor in word and doctrine. Paul says in 1 Cor 9:14, "...they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

The sustenance of the servant of God does not stem from pity for the servant of God. The analogy of not muzzling the ox also means that the feeding of the animal is not according to pity but of thanksgiving to God and that of generosity of the people of God.

The church in Philippi did more than what is mentioned in our text. What they have extended to Paul is described in 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...ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction... 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.'

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Top photo, Pastor Reuben leads in prayer during the launching of the unveiling of the Lighthouse BBC Cainta building model during the 20th Founding Anniversary celebration last Tuesday. Lower photo, the Lighthouse Youth Fellowship as they feature testimonies during their presentation night last Sunday.

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