



"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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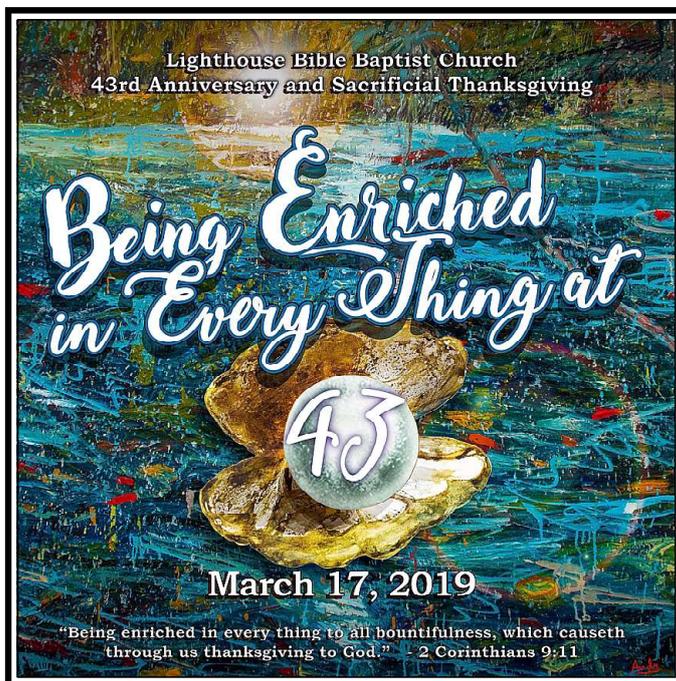
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THOUSANDS RECEIVE MEDICAL SERVICE THROUGH TGLFI'S COMMUNITY WELLNESS OUTREACH PROGRAM

"And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision. Only they would that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do" (Gal 2:9-10).

This above passage describes how the Apostles in Jerusalem gave their blessings to Paul and Barnabas to reach out to the Gentiles. As they extended their favor to the ministry to the Gentiles, they reminded them that they should remember the poor. To this, the Apostle Paul commented, "the same which I also was forward to do" - or in our terms today, he was saying, "the very thing I spare no pains to do."

We are one of the very few churches which has a specific ministry to the poor and the needy in communities where the Lord placed us. And we have, in fact, included this ministry of helping as an area in which we make use of all gifts the Lord has given to each one of us. As can be observed, when each one of our Lighthouse members extend himself/herself into being involved in this ministry of helping, we actually make use of our respective areas of discipline, fields of work, business, interests and all. This is not just everybody singing a song, like when we come together during services. This is using our respective individual abilities based on our expertise. As a result, those who are disciplined in medical field, practice their being so. Those who have abilities in administration, organization do likewise. And this goes on to whatever field everyone is into. As a result, we see that we are able to do abundantly together! And God is to be praised for such! -PRA



Pastor Reuben opens the Community Wellness Outreach Program (CWOP) yesterday morning with some words of encouragement, recognizing some valued partners and explaining how the CWOP has been blessing lives through service through the years. More than 2,100 people were blessed yesterday with the program.

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.'

- to be continued -



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Pastor Reuben and Mission Pastor Bong Escala led the Ground Breaking Ceremony last Sunday afternoon at the Lighthouse BBC Cainta Mission. The ceremony formally begins the Nehemiah Project of the Lighthouse work. Included in the picture are Pastors Francis, Jojo, the Pastors Men and leaders in Lighthouse BBC Cainta.

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