



"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 CHANGES MODE OF COMING TOGETHER IN LIGHT OF GOVT'S DECLARATION OF COMMUNITY QUARANTINE

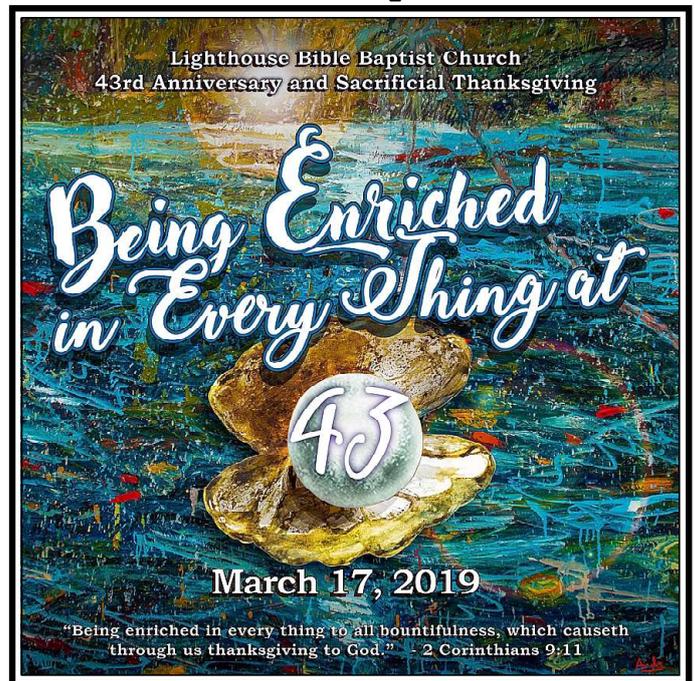
"See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is" (Eph 5:15-17).

What we face today in the light of the novel corona virus (2019-nCoV) which inflicts exposed people to it with the deadly disease called COVID-19, is a physical manifestation of the evil that is present in our generation. There has never been a corona virus that became pandemic as this 2019-nCoV - and one that would make governments lockdown cities, provinces and even countries. And however many churches and congregation may not agree with the Government's decree that prohibits mass gathering of people, whether planned or spontaneous, sadly affecting the coming together of God's people, the reality is: exposure to this deadly virus will bring devastation to many lives. The bottomline therefore is this, the Community Quarantine is in itself, a safety measure.

We therefore take this move of our government as being good for the greater number of our people, even our churches. In wisdom, we have decided to change the mode of our coming together in one big number to many groups and households, even resetting our scheduled 44th Anniversary to another date. We do not, however reset the giving of our Sacrificial offerings as the same has been committed to God and the Work.

As we go about this temporary change, as your Senior Pastor, I enjoin everyone to remain like how we do when we all come together as we sing, listen to the Word, fellowship and even give our offerings. This is wisdom and safety for all of us. We remain to be an Ekklesia while doing so.

In the meanwhile, let us keep safe and secure from 2019-nCoV. - PRA



The Single Working Youth of Lighthouse BBC presents a pantomime of how in praising our God, there is always the presence of sacrifice. This is a truth that is seen throughout the generations of people of faith in the Word of God from Abraham to the churches in the New Testament. Sacrifice indeed can never be taken out of the Ekklesia.

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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The Young People's Fellowship choir rendering the song, I Will Believe. A song that makes a firm commitment to God according to His love, grace and mercy.

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