



"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 OFFERS SACRIFICE WHILE UNDER ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE

"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ" (1 Pet 2:5).

**W**e finally come to the day when as Lighthouse BBC, we offer to God our sacrificial offerings for this year 2020.

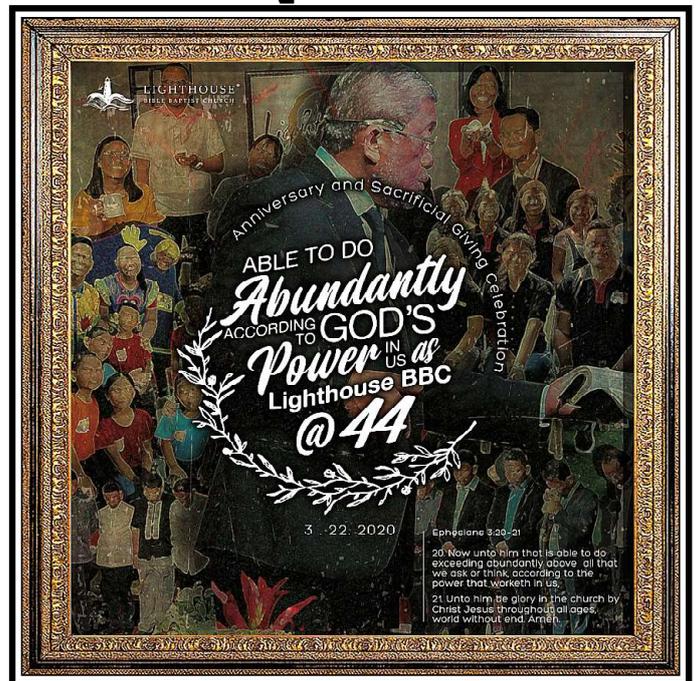
As all of you may know, we have postponed the celebration of our 44th Anniversary to a date yet to be determined, which, of course, will come after the period of the Enhanced Community Quarantine declared by the government. But the giving of our sacrificial offerings is not postponed nor cancelled. It comes as scheduled, according to our commitment to the Lord as an Ekklesia.

Much things unfold before our very eyes as COVID-19 spreads throughout the world. But in the midst of all the fear and anxiety many people face, our being an Ekklesia of the Lord Jesus Christ becomes even more striking; and our being able to do abundant over difficulties in coming together rises above many other challenges. What the Apostle Peter says in 2 Peter 1:19 comes so true in this respect, "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts."

Let us therefore, as Lighthouse BBC, be an Ekklesia as how the word of God defines us - a spiritual house, a habitation of God through the Spirit, offering up spiritual sacrifices which are acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

As we sacrificially offer to God our substance, let us first come to him presenting ourselves together as His people, willingly offering to him ourselves as vessels unto honor and praise.

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Pastor Reuben and PM Dick Ku lead the Coming Together for Praises, Prayer, Preaching and Provision last Sunday morning as the national government declares the whole of Metro Manila under Community Quarantine. The coming together is an actual demonstration of how God's people can do abundantly even while being quarantined to homes.

**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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Ephesians 3:20-21

20. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

21. Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Lighthouse BBC's 44th Anniversary theme, "Able to Do Abundantly According to God's Power in Us", comes very appropriate in the midst of the current situation when churches cannot physically come together because of COVID-19. But praise God that by His equipping grace, the Lighthouse BBC is able to come together in praise, prayer, preaching and provision as the various district and fellowship groups join together via On-Live Video Streaming. This will continue while the Enhanced Community Quarantine is in effect.

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