



"The entrance of Thy words giveth light..." (Ps 119:130a)

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Being Faithful and True in 2022

Rev 22:6,7
"These sayings are faithful and true... blessed is he that keepeth..."

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PASTOR REUBEN CHALLENGES CHURCHES IN BICOL REGION

"...the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes; children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans" (Dan 1:3-4).

"...Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds" (Acts 7:22).

"[He] gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Titus 2:14).

We are not made to be God's people just to benefit our ourselves. The Lord gives us His abundant grace, from the point of our salvation to our being zealous in good (beneficial) works and ministries not just to bless our ourselves

but our communities, even our nation. The problems we have been facing as Filipinos stem from the mindset that as children of God and Bible-believers, we ought to have nothing to do with governance. This mindset thus separated us from anything to do with governance, to our own loss.

This is what Pastor Reuben has been saying to the Lighthouse churches in Bicol, even to all the pastors who attended the several engagements he had in the region.

"Our churches need not only raise teachers, lawyers, accountants, engineers, businessmen, but we also need to raise leaders who would be in government, who would serve God as public servants.

"Much of evangelical leaders today, involve themselves in voters education. Our dilemma is, however we teach all Filipinos to know how to vote, the virtues that we look for candidates end up to be senseless because these candidates never come from the God-fearing, life-changing churches we have. Our churches have not produced the right leaders to be in government."

These are the challenges that Pastor Reuben presented to the pastors and churches in Bicol region as he visited Albay and Camarines Sur provinces.



Pastor Reuben is introduced by Pastor Ros Orolfo before the Lighthouse BBC, Iriga last Tuesday, Apr 12. Pastor Ros is running as Mayoral candidate in the City of Iriga along with some leaders of the Lighthouse Iriga church. He was featured in the Lighthouse Cafe TV Talk Show last week.

2nd QUARTER FOCUS

BEING FAITHFUL AS STEWARDS

Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. KJV

1 Cor 4:2

Second Quarter Focus :

"Being Faithful As Stewards"

"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." (1 Cor. 4:2)

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

TITLE : BIBLICAL GUIDELINES IN CHOOSING CANDIDATES

TEXT : 2 Sam 23:3, "...He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God."

INTRODUCTION

Our best guide in life is the Word of Truth. What it teaches applies to every aspect of our lives, personal, family, business, community, even as we take the responsibility to select the candidates for the current national and local elections next month.

The wise man Solomon says in Ps 127:1, "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

What this passage tells us is, even as a nation, we cannot put God outside of governance. He remains the Builder of our Nation-Home. His Word is our Blue-Print.

May this series of lessons equip us as a people of God who submit ourselves to the ordinance of man.

Continued...

6) Choose people who are not known to be rebellious especially against a duly constituted authority.

Rom 13:2, "Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation." KJV

Rom 13:2, "Therefore he who resists and sets himself up against the authorities resists what God has appointed and arranged [in divine order]. And those who resist will bring down judgment upon themselves [receiving the penalty due them]. AMP

Let us be sure that those we choose do not have rebellious hearts. Be careful of people who have shown themselves to be "revolutionaries" and "rebels" who go against duly constituted authority.

Prov 24:21, "My son, don't get involved with revolutionaries..." CJB

Prov 24:21-22, "My son, [reverently] fear the Lord and the king, and do not associate with those who are given to change [of allegiance, and are revolutionary], For their calamity shall rise suddenly, and who knows the punishment and ruin which both [the Lord and the king] will bring upon [the rebellious]?" AMP

7) Choose people who will establish a kind of government that is respected by all and is feared by evil men.

Rom 13:3, "For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power?" KJV

Rom 13:3, "For civil authorities are not a terror to [people of] good conduct, but to [those of] bad behavior. Would you have no dread of him who is in authority?" AMP

Let us choose candidates who will balance what the government is to all our people: a government that is both respected by all and feared by those who do evil.

Prov 29:2, "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn." KJV

8) Choose people who will constitute a government that recognizes and commends the praise-worthy regardless of party, family, association or region.

Rom 13:3, "...do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same." KJV

It is important that we install a government that will be a government for all people. For many long years, we have allowed ourselves to be divided by those who are in government themselves, who only give recognition and commendation to those within their respective parties, families, clan, region and even religion.

Let us choose candidates who will unify our people whether they be from the north or south, who will not choose their own families and friends above the things that should benefit the greater number of our people.

9) Choose people who will deliver to all Filipinos what the Philippine Government should: the good and beneficial to all Filipinos.

Rom 13:4, "For he is the minister of God to thee for good." KJV

Let us choose candidates who have programs that will really bring benefit to our people. Not doing dole outs, but delivering things that will benefit our people and the coming generation. Who think beyond their own selves and their generation. Who will bring long term benefit.

10) Choose people who will constitute a government that implements its laws, making every provision both executory and certain.

Rom 13:4, "...if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil." KJV

Rom 13:4, "...if you do what is wrong, be afraid! Because it is not for nothing that he holds the power of the sword; for he is God's servant, there as an avenger to punish wrongdoers." CJB

Let us choose candidates who will deliver true peace and order throughout the country. Who will implement laws and make every provision thereof executory and certain. It is the uncertainty of our laws that bring about lawlessness to our country. - continued -



Pastor Reuben and those with him, Mrs Imelda Abante, PM Tony and Menchie Hernandez pose for a group picture with Pastors Jaime Sto Tomas and Ramer Serrano and members of the Lighthouse BBC Goa, after the 2-hour lecture on the Ekklesia last Monday.

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