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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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LIGHTHOUSE BBC LAUNCHES 2ND QUARTER FOCUS, BEING FAITHFUL AS STEWARDS

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

"...who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it. why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?" (1 Cor 4:7).

here is nothing that we have that was not given to us. As Job said in Job 1:21, "...Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither..." This truth applies both to the individual persons and to the whole of the Ekklesia.

Today, the Lighthouse family of churches launches a new focus as we enter the 2nd quarter of this year 2022, Being Faithful as Stewards, with the key verse from 1 Cor 4:2. To make more effective the launching, the Metro Manila Lighthouse works will have a joint Coming Together this afternoon.

The new focus comes consistent with the annual

we first learned that it is our God and His Word which are faithful and true, these virtues must also be our possessions and this starts with the acknowledgment that we are stewards.

There should always be a measure of our faithfulness before our God. And this is not simply by how we try and be consistent with what is commanded to us to

We all should realize that we are possessors of many things from our God. And among the things we received from Him are His mercies. Paul says in Rom 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God...'

Then in 2 Cor 4:1, he says to the Corinthian church, "Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not...'

We see from these verses that our being faithful must have come from the basis of a sincere realization that we are recipients of many things from God which we cannot do without. Realizing that we are but recipients, then it follows that we



live Lighthouse Cafe TV Talk Show over GCTV Channel 185 on Cignal TV last Monday.

Second Quarter Focus : Being Faithful As Stewards

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

ENRICHMENT & DEVELOPMENT CLASS LESSON

Special Lesson for Elections 2022

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.

1) Choose people who are just, upright and in right standing with God and man. One who is God-fearing, obedient and generally well-spoken of by our people.

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

Let us look for candidates who not only stand upright but who understand what the fear of God is.

The fear of God is exemplified in having the mind and heart to be consistent with Who God is and what He requires. Since God is true, the candidate should not be dishonest. Since God is righteous, the candidate should not be corrupt. Since God is just, the candidate should not be unjust. In other words, the candidate should exhibit qualities that are consistent with Who and What God is.

2) Choose people who have proven themselves competent and able in the area of governance or public service.

Ex 18:21, "Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men..." \mbox{KJV}

It is a must that our government leaders have proven track records of being competent and able in doing their jobs. They must not simply depend on people around them. They must have a clear knowledge of their duties and responsibilities and be able to back up their titles and positions with the ability to perform and deliver.

3) Choose people who are truthful, who hate bribery and who are not greedy of power, gain and wealth.

Ex 18:21, "Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness..."

Character should be a strong trait of all who are in government. They should be people who cannot be bought, who are truthful in all endeavors. They should not be known as people who are greedy of gain, wealth or power.

4) Choose people who listen, understand; who are experienced and respected by our people.

Deut 1:13, "Take you wise men, and understanding, and known among your tribes, and I will make them rulers over you."

Deut 1:13, "Choose wise, understanding, experienced, and respected men according to your tribes, and I will make them heads over you."

Let us choose candidates who will listen to reason, advise and counsel. Not one who is proud and stubborn.

Prov 1:5, "A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels. "KJV

5) Choose people who recognize that they themselves are not above authorities. Who recognize that they are under God, the authority of His Word and, in respect to our country, under the authority of the Constitution.

Rom 13:1, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God." KJV

Rom 13:1, "LET EVERY person be loyally subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God [by His permission, His sanction], and those that exist do so by God's appointment." AMP

Let us be careful to see if the candidates of our choice willingly recognize that they themselves are under certain authority. The authorities may be God, His Word and in respect to our country, our Constitution itself. Let us be careful to see that the President of choice will not put himself above the Constitution. Let us be careful to note that the coming administration should not be guilty of unconstitutional acts.

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

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Hosts and production crew of the Lighthouse Cafe TV Talk Show who are now involved in live television and media stream pose for a picture as the Kamalayan at Gabay Para sa Bayan series of episodes was launched last Monday. Praise God for this ministry to our people.