

"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 ... "

LIGHTHOUSE

2nd QUARTER FOCUS

May 1, 2022

LIGHTHOUSE BBC TO HONOR **MOTHERS ON MAY 15**

"Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise..." (Eph 6:2).

"Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old" (Prov 23:22).

ontrary to what others may think, the command to honor fathers and mothers is not a command to the Hebrew children only. This specific command was cited by the Apostle Paul as binding within the Ekklesia when he quoted the same in his letter to the Ephesian church.

And since, this is a truth that has been handed down to the New Testament churches during the time of the Apostles, we take the same and hold fast this truth among us.

The respect and honor to parents, and for this instance, to mothers, is not something that is to be observed only by families. Since this instruction has been given by the Apostles, then, there is every reason that we, as Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church, set a time to extend to them such honor.

May 8, being the day the whole world celebrate Mothers Day, we as a church, designate Sunday, May 15, when we will set aside many concerns and enjoin everyone in our membership to be in our Coming Together, even the whole day, to honor the mothers in our midst.

As part of our celebration, we will give time for our mothers to be recognized by all. Our Sentinels and Fellowship Leaders will coordinate with everyone to secure pictures of our mothers and have them arranged by groups during our presentation. We will extend the LED time in the morning for this presentation.

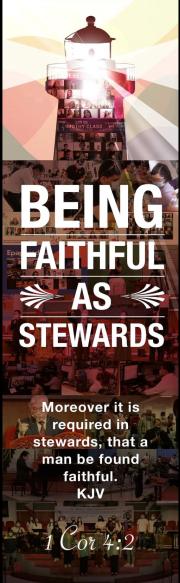
Then, too, there will be our photostudio and photobooths so mothers and families may have their pictures taken with Pastor Reuben and Imelda Abante, as we have been doing before the pandemic. This is now going back to our normal way of giving importance to Biblical injunction.

Mothers will also be given tokens so that they may have something with them to treasure the time of recognition.

All families are enjoined to be present physically next Sunday as the church holds Mothers Sunday. This kind of ministry to mothers is something that we receive from God's grace upon us. In fact, the Mothers Sunday celebration in Lighthouse BBC has been one with great distinction.



blood letting every quarter and that even in the midst of pandemic or election campaign periods. Such partnership is one of the graces being faithfully stewarded by Lighthouse BBC. Praise God!



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

2 Sam 23:3, "...He that ruleth over men must be just, TEXT : 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...

11) Choose people who will govern not simply from the point of view of title and power. Rather choose people who will make a government that is revered and regarded greatly by all our people.

Rom 13:5, "Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake." KJV

Rom 13:5, "Another reason to obey, besides fear of punishment, is for the sake of conscience." CJB

We want a government that is not just feared by those that do evil, but one that is revered and regarded greatly by our people. Our people go overseas because they feel that government does not care.

12) Choose people who will continuously attend to the faithful stewardship of both the taxes of our people and resources of our beloved land.

Rom 13:6, "For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing." KJV

Let us choose candidates who will be faithful and true in stewarding our taxes and natural resources. This is an obvious quality.

13) Choose people who exhibit true faithfulness and loyalty to all, whether man, institution, creed or country.

Rom 13:7, "Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour "KIV

Rom 13:7, "Pay everyone what he is owed: if you owe the taxcollector, pay your taxes; if you owe the revenue-collector, pay revenue; if you owe someone respect, pay him respect; if you owe someone honor, pay him honor." CJB

Let us choose candidates who show faithfulness and loyalty to all. We need people in government who stay loyal to our country and people, who will not exchange our beloved land for other nations. Who will be true patriots.

Luke 16:10. "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much." KJV

14) Choose people who have a clear program of governance that will uplift the poor, needy, afflicted and persecuted.

Ps 82:3-4, "Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked." KJV

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Ps}}$ 82:3-4, "Give justice to the weak and fatherless! Uphold the rights of the wretched and poor! Rescue the destitute and needy; deliver them from the power of the wicked!î " $\ \mbox{CJB}$

Let us choose candidates who have a platform of government that clearly defines how to address the needs of the poor, needy, afflicted and persecuted.

15) Choose people who will do everything in the fear of God, faithfully and with a perfect heart.

2 Chron 19:9, "And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the Lord , faithfully, and with a perfect heart." KJV 2 Chron 19:9, "The king charged them, Do this in the fear of the

Lord, faithfully, with integrity and a blameless heart." AMP

Let us choose candidates who will put their whole being into what they should be as government officials, whether national and local.



Top photo, Pastor Reuben speaks at the Baccalaureate at the Technological University of the Philippines last Wed, Apr 27. Lower photos, the Lighthouse Media Team is shown on the left diligently working as hosts of the Lighthouse Cafe Live TV Talk Show discusses Kamalayan at Gabay sa Bayan last Friday. The TV Talk show has been going live on TV, an unprecedented media ministry among Bible Baptist churches.

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