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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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IT'S FAMILY MONTH THIS AUGUST AT LIGHTHOUSE BBC

"And I baptized also the household of Stephanas..." (1 Cor 1:16).

"...ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints..." (1 Cor 16:15).

We have come to the month of August this year, the month when all our families in Lighthouse look forward to having their family portraits taken, completing the portraits of mothers, fathers from the months of May and June, respectively.

It has been part of our ministry as a church to give importance to families being together, growing in grace, faithfully and truthfully stewarding the gifts of God in them.

The Lighthouse Ads Team worked hard to provide the setup for the studio which comes in black and wide and with a 3D effect.

It has been a great blessing in Lighthouse BBC that the many different gifts of God are used as ministry, a service to build everyone in faith and in the grace of God.

I have always taught from the Word that what we are as families and as a church have no conflict, whatsoever. This is because every member of the

family receives the gift of God according to His manifold grace. As we are all recipients of God's saving grace, such grace in us grows in the many areas of ministries so that each member of the Ekklesia may be edified.

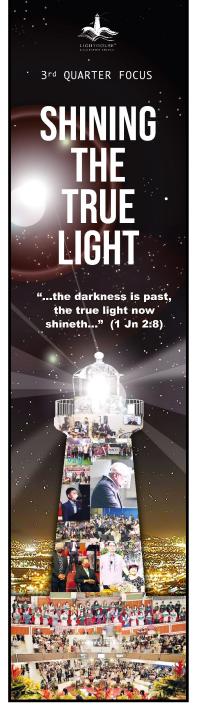
The truth is, portraits of our families, fathers and mothers are not only showing the physical beauty of each, but the beauty of God in us because of His

And we are made beautiful not simply by the lights, the physical settings and cameras in our studio, but the light of Christ in our lives. This is the actual application of Shine the True Light in us!









Third Quarter Focus: Shining the True Light

"...the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth" (1 John 2:8).

ENRICHMENT & DEVELOPMENT CLASS LESSON LED Lesson 06.05.22.001

TITLE: PRACTICES OF BIBLICAL NEW TESTAMENT EKKLESIA TEXT:

1 Cor 11:2, "Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you."

2 Thess 2:15-17, "Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work."

INTRODUCTION

What are the practices of the New Testament churches that we must keep if we are to remain Biblical Baptist Churches? We all know we as a church "are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone" (Eph 2:19-20).

We must be careful then that we keep as our pattern, the early churches in the New Testament and careful, too, that we keep the precepts and practices of the early churches in the conduct of the ministry - as delivered to them by the Apostles.

We are careful to say, however, that the "traditions" or practices we refer to are those observed by New Testament Churches and not as Jewish customs. We do not intend to make Jewish communities out of our church; but what we want to maintain are practices of the New Testament Churches.

We are also careful that we do not adopt these "traditions" or practices as equal to the two ordinances of the New Testament Church, which are baptism and the Lord's Supper. Rather, these are traditions or practices that make us the peculiar people that we are. - continuation -

7. The practice of unreservedly helping the brethren and other churches.

Acts 4:34, "Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold..."

2 Cor 8:14-15, "But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality: as it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack."

Acts 11:28-30, "And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.

"Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea: which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul. KJV

We believe that the practice of helping others should be a diligent ministry of every New Testament Bible-believing church, however challenged they may be in their needs.

8. The practice of edifying each other through gift-based services and ministries.

Rom 12:6-9, "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to at which is good."

1 Cor 12:4-7, "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

"But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal."

9. The practice of singing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.

Eph 5:19-20, "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Col 3:16-17, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

1 Cor 14:15, "What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also."

10. The practice of honoring the men of God.

Heb 13:7, "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation."

Heb 13:24, "Salute all them that have the rule over you, and all the saints. They of Italy salute you."

Heb 13:17, "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you."

1 Thess 5:12-13, "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves."

1 Tim 5:17-18, "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward."

11. The practice of making impact and being relevant to society.

Phil 2:15-16, "That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life..."

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It was a thrilling experience, a real big blessing to once again see the presentations of our Lighthouse Districts as the Friends of Lighthouse Districts (FOLD) started last Sunday with LD1's excellent presentation. They also brought their friends for them to witness God's grace!