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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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# **EKKLESIA CONFERENCE: DISTINCT** AND A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

"...unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen" (Eph 3:20-21).

"And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power" (Eph 1:19).

he first ever Ekklesia Conference last week turned into one that was very distinct and resoundingly successful. This is evident in the many expressions of thanks and statements of how delegates learned much from the lecture series that featured: The Bible and the Ekklesia, the Grace of God and the Ekklesia, the Love of God and the Ekklesia and finally, the Perfecting of the Ekklesia.

However the lecture series was the "main course" of the conference, the Ministry Tours and the Ministries Presentations proved to be very effective in bringing the teachings into practice as the various Lighthouse ministry heads took turns in explaining how all members of Lighthouse BBC get involve in the many areas of Church Ministries.

The afternoon of Friday turned into a time of spontaneous expressions of thanksgiving, many delegates testifying how team members of the Lighthouse WATCH (Workers Assisting and Treating unreservedly, even extending themselves 24/7 so they could be treated. There were some tears among those who knew the challenges in the midst of the COVID pandemic in 2020 and 2021.

It was evident, through the lecture series of Pastor Reuben, how the truth of God's Word, the gifts of God according to His grace, are turned into practical ministries through the lives of all the members of Lighthouse BBC.

During the first night of the Ekklesia Conference, the registered delegates already rose to more than 500 with the main auditorium filled to capacity and more people either joining through Zoom and the various on-line platforms.

The 2nd day of the EkkleCon brought more practical truth as Tatay Abante was remembered with the faculty and alumni of the Ben Abante Baptist Bible College faculty hosting the morning challenge hour and the evening fellowship featured the joint coming together of the four families of churches: the Metropolitan BBC, International BBC, Lighthouse BBC and the Blue Ridge BBC.

"This Ekklesia Conference is not just distinct as a conference, particularly on how it was organized featuring interactive processes. The one obvious distinction is, when the whole of the Ekklesia believe the Word and work according to its ways, its promises become true in every way and we all can see the

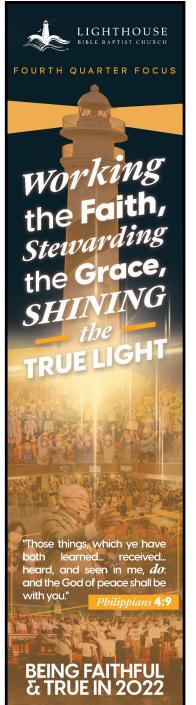


Pastor Edwin Alvarez, Lighthouse BBC Olongapo, giving a testimony of how the Ministry of Helping, through the Lighthouse WATCH, effectively reached out to them during the height of the pandemic as presentation hosts, Pastor Bong Escala, Gabby Yebra, Dick Ku and Pastor RA listen.

Fourth Quarter Focus:

"Working the Faith. Stewarding the Grace. Shining the True Light"

"Those things, which ye have both learned, received, heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you" (Phil 4:9).



## ENRICHMENT & DEVELOPMENT CLASS LESSON LED Lesson 10.09.2022 01

TITLE: HOW DO WE DO AS A CHURCH?

Text: Phil 4:9, "Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you."

#### INTRODUCTION

Consistent with our last quarter theme, Working the Faith, Stewarding the Grace, Shining the True Light, we go through this series of messages that asks the question, How Do We Do as A Church or Ekklesia. We see from our text how the Apostle Paul admonished the Philippian church that they should do based on how they learned, received, heard and seen in him. The same truth applies to us even in our day.

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#### 16) Do - with all diligence.

Proverbs 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Romans 12:8 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.

Hebrews 6:11-12, "And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: that ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises"

2 Peter 1:5-8, 10-11, "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

#### 17) Do - Peculiarly. Above the usual.

Exodus 19:5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine"

Deuteronomy 26:18 And the LORD hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep all his commandments."

Titus 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

1 Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light."

#### 18) Do - Zealously, eagerly, enthusiastically.

Titus 2:11-15, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

Galatians 4:18, "...it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing, and not only when I am present with you."

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Top photo, those present during the final night of the EkkleCon pose for a picture. More than 500 registered to the EkkleCon 2022. Lower photo, the Burden Bearers and the EkkleCon Joint Choir sing as the EkkleCon featured the life and ministry of Tatay Ben Abante.