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## Increasing More and More in 2024

1Thess 4:10b,

"...we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more."

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# LIGHTHOUSE BBC'S 48<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AND SACRIFICIAL THANKSGIVING COMES NEARER AT SIX (6) WEEKS AWAY

"...we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus...how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more" (1 Thes 4:1).

"...whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight" (1

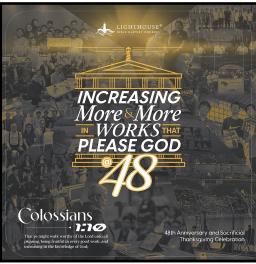
John 3:22).

"...brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor 15:58)

oday, we come together closer to our 48th Anniversary and Sacrificial Thanksgiving on March 17, 2024, merely six (6) weeks away. With the theme, Increasing More and More in Works that Please God, we set our hearts and minds to understanding more what we are as a church, an Ekklesia of the Lord Jesus Christ, more than anything else.

As a work of God, there really is no other direction that we should take but to increase more and more in the work of the Lord in which He placed each and everyone of us. And being a work of the Lord, it means we work together, everyone being steadfast, unmoveable and abounding.

Let us look forward therefore to our anniversary and sacrificial celebration with hearts that are consistent with these verses.



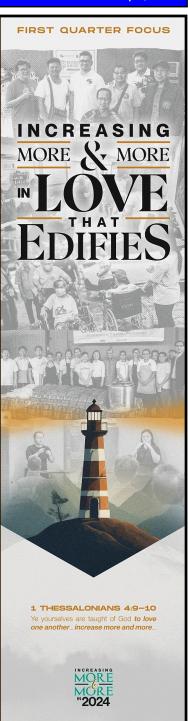


Pastor Reuben poses a question before Sen Raffy Tulfo (Chairman, Committee on Migrant Workers), Representatives Marissa Del Mar Magsino (OFW) and Ron Salo (Kabayan) during the DFA hosted Symposium on Filipinas Ultramar, Philippines Beyond Borders. Pastor RA represented the Global Filipino Movement (GFM).

First Quarter Focus:

"Increasing More and More in Love that Edifies

"...ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another...increase more and more..." (1 Thess 4:9-10).



## ENRICHMENT & DEVELOPMENT CLASS LESSON 1) The possession and claim of the ministry. LED Lesson 01.28.2024.01

## TITLE: WE HAVE THIS MINISTRY Text/s: 2 Cor 4:1-6 (onwards)

1 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; 2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

#### INTRODUCTION

All members of the Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church must take ownership of the whole ministry because of the Grace of God in everyone. Thus, everyone must be able to say, We have this ministry.

## "...we have this ministry..."

Rom 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

## 2) The reason and basis of the ministry. "...as we have received mercy..."

1 Peter 2:10, "Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy."

1 Tim 1:12-14, "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me...he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry...I obtained mercy...and the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus."

## 3) The courage of the ministry. "...we faint

Gal 6:9-10, "...let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

2 Thess 3:13, "brethren, be not weary in well doing."

Isa 40:30-31, "Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

## 4) The walk of the ministry. "But have renounced the hidden things of

dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully.

2 Cor 1:12, "...in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward."

## 5) The sincerity of the ministry. "...but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God."

We state the truth openly. And so we commend ourselves in the sight and presence of God to every man's conscience.

2 Cor 6:4-10, "But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings;

By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true;

As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things."

#### - to be continued -

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Top photo, the Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church in Baguio with Pastor Froi Medina, hosts Preacher's Delight Conference which featured the orchestra of the Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church in Iriga City, Cam Sur. They take a photo with Pastor Reuben along with Pastor Nestor Serrano. Lower photo, Pastor Benny Abante hosts the fellowship of Fil-Am Pastors: Pastors Hernes Abante, Rudy Abrot, Gil de Rosas and Willie Del, all from California.