



"The entrance of Thy words giveth light..." (Ps 119:130a)

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Increasing More and More in 2024

1 Thess 4:10b,
"...we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more."

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LIGHTHOUSE BBC ENTERS ANNIVERSARY MONTH

"The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the Lord. All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the Lord weigheth the spirits. Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established" (Prov 16:1-3).

"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure" (Phil 2:13).

As a church, we enter our anniversary month this week and, all the more, we make ourselves diligent in doing all the preparations for our coming together to celebrate our 48th Anniversary and Sacrificial Thanksgiving.

And because we are in the midst of a preparation that involves all our people, we consider the passage above which gives to us the truth about how we may prepare.

If we are to paraphrase the above verses, this is how it should be rendered for easier understanding: "Man is responsible to prepare his own heart, but how the tongue speaks is from the Lord. All of man's ways are pure in his own

view, but the Lord weighs the spirit. If you entrust all you do to the Lord, your plans will achieve success" (Prov 16:1-3).

As we come nearer to our 48th Anniversary and Sacrificial Celebration, we need to get everyone involved in preparing the hearts of everyone in all Lighthouse BBC works. The preparation, of course, extends to all our ministries.

There is every reason why each one in Lighthouse BBC may be prepared because it is God Who works in us both to "will and to do of His good pleasure." And we all know that God works through His Word. Each time we listen to His Word, His Spirit makes us alive to do His will according to the Grace that He gives each one. Praise God for His working. -PRA



Top photo, former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo joins the Zoom during last week's Panawagan sa Panalangin Para sa Bansang Pilipinas, Pamahalaan, Mamamayan. Lower photo, thirty (30) young people from various Lighthouse BBC works attended the Video Editing Workshop hosted by the Lighthouse Media Ministry.

FIRST QUARTER FOCUS

INCREASING MORE & MORE IN LOVE THAT EDIFIES

1 THESSALONIANS 4:9-10
Ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another...increase more and more..

INCREASING MORE & MORE IN 2024

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).

"Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen" (Eph. 3:21)

TITLE : THE WORK AND LABOR OF LOVE THAT EDIFIES

Text/s :

Heb 6:10, "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."

Rom 12:9-21

- 9 Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.
- 10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;
- 11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;
- 12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;
- 13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.
- 14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.
- 15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.
- 16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.
- 17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.
- 18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.
- 19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.
- 20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.
- 21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

The working of the ministry is essentially the working out or the very operation of the love of Christ in the lives of the members of the Ekklesia. It is the love of Christ that constrains or takes hold of us. Whatever work we do stems from the love of Christ in us. That love therefore should be without dissimulation (without hypocrisy, with all sincerity, genuine, not for a show).

1) The operation of the love of Christ.

Genuine. Sincere. Not a show. "Let love be without dissimulation."
 2 Cor 8:8, "I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love."
 1 Tim 1:5, "Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned."
 1 Peter 4:8-11, "And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

2) The discernment in the love of Christ.

Abhorrence of evil. Cleaving to what is eternally beneficial. "Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good."

Ps 97:10, "Ye that love the Lord, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked."

Ps 34:14-15, "Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry."

1 Peter 3:10-12, "For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil."

3) The affection and preference in the love of Christ.

"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another."
 1 John 5:1-5, "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"

1 John 3:14-16, "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

John 13:34-35, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

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Top photos, various community engagements were done by Lighthouse BBC Main and Cainta yesterday as Blood Extraction, Blood Letting and Legal Aid services. Lower photos, the Lighthouse Cafe building at the Lighthouse Manifold Grace Center in ServeQuest Industrial Park in Sto Tomas, Batangas continues to rise. The Lighthouse Cafe construction is expected to be completed by June. Operations are now being planned by the SWYP leaders.

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