



"The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" (Ps 119:130).

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The Year of  
Fruitbearing**

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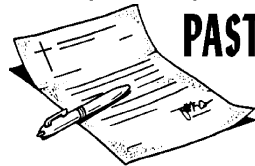
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## LIGHTHOUSE BBC DECLARES 2015 AS THE YEAR OF FRUITBEARING

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### A Word from the PASTOR



### LIGHTHOUSE FAMILY CAMP: IT'S WORTH ALL THE EFFORT

**W**e have chosen as our theme this year the responsibility given by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself to the early church composed of the Apostles, that of Fruitbearing.

As we can see from the above statement of the Lord Jesus, fruitbearing comes as fundamental as the very existence of the New Testament Church itself. In fact, in the Apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesian church, he tells them in Eph 2:9, "...we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Thus, if a work be a church body, it follows that all members of the body must be involved in fruitbearing.

From our emphasis on growth in 2014, we pray that we Lord will indeed work in us this year so we may bear all the necessary fruit as a New Testament Church. And as we continue to greet each one a happy and blessed New Year, let us include a prayer that all our people, as branches, bear fruit!

**E**veryone who came back from the Lighthouse Family Camp held last week at the Caliraya Resort had one thing common to say, "The camp was worth all the effort and it was one that really defined the balance between the family and the church.

If there is one realization that each family in Lighthouse must realize is this: we need to get all members of our families really close to the Word of God and His Work. This is actually the measure of our relationship with Him.

Congratulations to all color teams, especially to the Red Team which won the over-all championship award!



The happy faces in this picture show how the Lighthouse Family Camp thrilled everyone. Begin to set your eyes on December 28-30, 2015!

### First Quarter Focus : Bearing the Fruit of the Spirit

*"...the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth..." Eph 5:9.*

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

**TITLE : THE UNIFIER IN THE EKKLESIA**  
Text/x : Eph 4:7-16

**INTRODUCTION**

Further to enumerating the seven-fold unity which is present in the church, the Apostle Paul teaches that God has given gifts which bring all church members together to unity and edification. Two gifts are herein discussed: spiritual gifts and the gift of men (as pastors and teachers).

**A) The spiritual gifts**

- 1) Each individual in the church has received distinct gift(s) from Christ.  
Eph 4:7, "...unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ."  
1 Cor 12:7-11, "...the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal....all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will."

- 2) The exercise of such gifts in love makes everything profitable for the church  
1 Cor 13:1-3, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.
- 3) The decent and orderly exercise of such gifts edifies and builds the church  
1 Cor 14:26, How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying."

**B) The gift of men**

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Eph 4:11-13, "...he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some,

evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers..."

- 2) Their goal as men  
Eph 4:12-16, "For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

**Be back tonight and hear testimonies from those who joined the camp.**



Top photo, members of the Red Team render their CALIRAYA version of the musical play ILAYA. The Red Team bested all other teams in almost all events. Lower photo, Pastor Reuben leads the inspirational singing at the camp, a feature that comes as a mainstay in every camp event.

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