



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

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**2015:
The Year of
Fruitbearing**

John 15:16
"...I have chosen you, and ordained you...go and bring forth fruit..."

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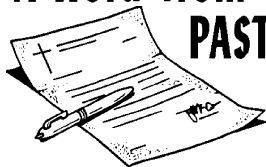
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LIGHTHOUSE BBC LAUNCHES STEP OF FAITH PROJECT

"...thank God always for you, brethren...because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth..." (2 Thes 1:3).

A Word from the PASTOR



Let us bear the fruit of the tree of faith which God has allowed us to be.

As we enter the crucial two months before our 39th Anniversary Celebration and Sacrificial Giving, let us prayerfully consider to give a sacrifice to make a Step of Faith towards having a bigger property and larger ministry borders.

"...brethren, be not weary in well doing" (2 Thes 3:13).

Every member of the Lighthouse BBC receives today a personal letter from me encouraging every one to be involved in the decision we made as a church last Sunday night -- that of doing everything we can to be able to acquire the extended parking area or even a bigger portion of the adjacent property.

Such vision started in our midst in 2008 and we have been praying that God would allow us to have a bigger space.

Today, this prospect slowly unfolds before our eyes and we pray that God would so equip us as His people to realize this vision. This also coincides with our theme, The Year of Fruitbearing.

The Lord has wonderfully make us to grow in love, faithfulness and involvement in His Work. It is time we rise according to our growth and bear fruit as a work of God.

**EIGHT (8) WEEKS
REMAIN UNTIL OUR
39th ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION
AND SACRIFICIAL
GIVING SUNDAY.
LET US ALL
PRAYERFULLY PREPARE.**



The Lighthouse District 1 initiates the weekly fellowship presentation with one that centers on the Fruit of the Spirit.

**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 CHURCH MEMBERS'
RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE
FORMER LIFE**

Text/x : Eph 4:17-32

INTRODUCTION

Having enumerated the different gifts the Lord Jesus has bestowed to the Ekklesia, the Apostle Paul presents the different responsibilities which every member of the Ekklesia should possess. As Christ fills all in all in the Ekklesia through His various gifts, everyone in the Ekklesia should respond with reciprocal commitment and responsibility.

A) Concerning their walk (vs 17-19)

- 1) Positive - adapted to the walk of the Saviour (vs 1-3).
 - In lowliness (Phil 2:3; Matt 11:29);
 - In meekness (2 Cor 10:1);
 - In longsuffering (Gal 5:22)
 - In forbearing (Col 3:13)
 - In unity (John 17:21; 1 Cor 12:13)\
- 2) Negative - avoiding the walk of the sensual (vs 17-19). The following describes the sensual walk (typical of the Gentiles)
 - In the vanity (futility and depravity) of their mind;

- With darkened moral understanding and clouded reasoning;
- In ignorance and hardness of heart.
- Having lost all feelings they have abandoned themselves to sensuality, impurity and greediness for more.

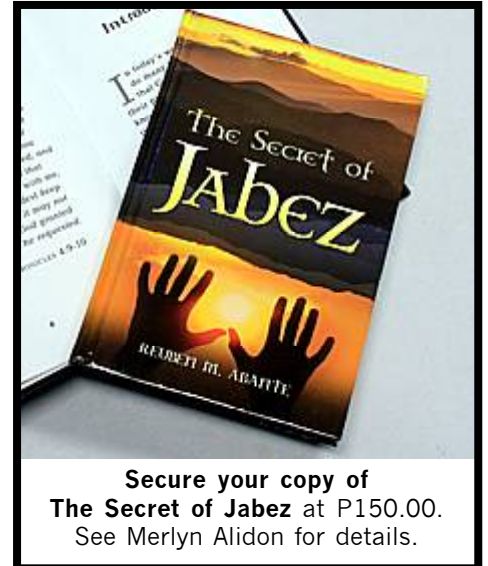
B) Concerning their words (vs 15, 29).

"Speaking the truth in love...Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers."

C) Concerning their works (vs 20-28, 30-32)

- 1) Put off the old man, "which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts" (v 22);
- 2) Put on the new man, "which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness" (v 24);
- 3) Control his tongue (v 25).
"Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another."
- 4) Control his temper (vs 26,27).
"Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: neither give place to the devil."
- 5) Stop stealing (v 28)
"Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth."
- 6) Stop grieving the Spirit(v 30).

- "...grieve not [do not offend, vex or sadden] the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."
7) Take away bitterness, resentment and quarrel (v 31).
"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice."
8) Forgive as Christ forgives (v 32).
"...be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."



Dr David Wood is shown preaching for the first time at Lighthouse BBC. Top photo shows him explaining the value of even a soul that is brought to Christ. Lower picture shows how he illustrates such value according to its eternal impact.

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