



"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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LIGHTHOUSE BBC HOLDS SPORTSFEST 2015 ON FRIDAY

"For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things..." (1 Tim 4:8).

A Word from the PASTOR



**GET ON BOARD THE COMMITMENT BUS!
SECURE AND SIGN A COMMITMENT CARD
AND HAVE THE SIGNED LABEL
POSTED AT THE COMMITMENT BUS!**

We are all for things which the Bible refers to as profitable - whether they be things that "profiteth little" or "profitable unto all things." This is also a prayer which the Apostle John mentions to Gaius when he said, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

Of all things referred to as profitable, it is that of having both the person of Christ in our hearts and in our character. This is what really is prosperous for a Christian. The absence of Christ both in heart and life leads to the emptiness of a person.

But as we have Christ, and get to know Him more, let us also consider being "profitable a little" both in body and exercise. This is the reason why we do sportsfest as a church.

Be ready then when the games start on June 12, 7AM at the grounds of the Technological University of the Philippines. See you there!



The Lighthouse District 1 illustrates the lessons from the ant, conies, locusts and lizard, drawn from Pastor Reuben's preaching.

Second Quarter Focus : Bearing the Fruit of the Knowledge of God

"...neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ..." (2 Pet 1:8).

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

TITLE : PAUL THANKSGIVING AND CONFIDENCE TO GOD FOR THE PHILIPPIAN CHURCH
TEXT : PHIL 1:1-11

The Epistle of Paul to the Philippian church actually serves as his thanksgiving letter to them for their faithfulness to God and generosity to the work of God. In his opening statement, Paul expresses his thanksgiving to and confidence to God for them.

A) His greeting to the church at Philippi (v 1).

1) To the saints.

These would be all who are part of the work at Philippi; people who have known the Christ as Savior and who were baptized. The church at Philippi were obviously composed of saved and baptized people.

a) About Lydia

Acts 16:14-15, "...a certain woman named Lydia...whose heart the Lord opened...and when she was baptized, and her household..."

b) About the jailor and his family

Acts 16:30-33, "...Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house...and was baptized, he and all his, straightway."

2) To the bishops and deacons.

The mention of "bishops and deacons" indicates the mature state of the church at Philippi. Also read 1 Tim 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9.

The word bishop means "to look upon." It is used by Paul as another name for an elder.

The word deacon comes from a compound Greek word that means "to stir up the dust." It presents the picture of one who is moving so rapidly through the dusty lanes of the villages of Palestine to discharge his duty that his feet kick up dust as he goes. There was so much for the deacons to do that they could not loiter nor tarry. They were about their ministry with such diligence. (J Dwight Pentecost). Also read 1 Tim 3:8-13.

B) His thanksgiving for the members at Philippi (vs 3-5).

Phil 1:3-5, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now."

About 10 years had passed since Paul started the work at Philippi. At the time of this writing, he was in Rome where he was on house arrest. He had such vivid memories of their beginning and of how they supported him through his travels.

Paul makes reference of their fellowship from the first day until now. The word fellowship here actually mean

"communication and contribution." This refers to how the Philippian church supported him when he left Macedonia and while he was in Thessalonica and in Corinth (Phil 4:15-16; 2 Cor 11:9). And now that he is in Rome under house arrest, they send once again through Epaphroditus. It was indeed a faithful and continued fellowship which they had.

C) His confidence in God for those at Philippi (v 16).

Phil 1:6, "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

The work of sanctification is what Paul refers to as that which God had begun in them and will perform it until the day of Christ. God never starts something He does not finish.

Christ's death "perfected" or sanctified, once for all, "those whom He is making holy" (Heb 10:14). Sanctification is both an accomplished fact and an on-going process ---

- All who have been saved are sanctified in His sight (Heb 2:11; 10:11, John 17:17,19).
- But sanctification is also a growth process in which we are to take an active part (Heb 2:11; Rom 6:19; 1 Thes 4:1-7; 2 Tim 2:21; 1 Pet 1:15).

D) His prayer for the Philippian church (vs 9-10).

Phil 1:9-10, "that your love may abound yet more and more...that ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ."



Top photo, Lighthouse bowlers make their marks during the tournament last Thursday night. Lower photo, the Pastoral Staff take time to pose for a picture after their overnight fellowship at the Rizal Re-Creation Center in Rizal, Laguna. This is the site of the Family Camp in December.

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