



"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 TO HONOR FATHERS NEXT SUNDAY

**"A son honoureth his father..." (Mal 1:6).**

**T**here are at least a dozen references in the whole Scriptures that talk about honoring fathers and mothers. What this fact tells us is, God takes the honoring of our parents as a serious matter and therefore to be observed by all.

## A Word from the PASTOR



This is one of the reasons why we treat Fathers and Mothers Sundays with such importance as even to provide tokens and opportunities to take pictures with them.

May I then encourage every member of Lighthouse BBC to give importance to this occasion and take time bring your respective fathers to church next Sunday. It's not just rewarding. It is God-pleasing!

**H**ereunder are the results of the the color standing of the Lighthouse Sportsfest 2015:

- Champion ..... Purple (426)
- 1st Runner up .. Red (390)
- 2nd Runner up .. Orange (356)
- 3rd Place ..... Yellow (350)
- 4th Place ..... Blue (343)
- 5th Place ..... Green (299)

It was observed that all colors had their share of winners in every event. But what pulled others down were the number of attendees which actually came to the Sportsfest.



All colors take time to post for a group picture just before the announcement of the Champion during the closing of the Lighthouse Sportsfest 2015.

## 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 means

"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, the Lighthouse District 2 brings to stage once more the Commitment Bus to encourage everyone in Lighthouse to be on board. Lower photos, left, Dr Adora Pili, President of TUP welcomes the Lighthouse Colors. Right, the Champion, Purple Team members pose for picture.

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