



"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**

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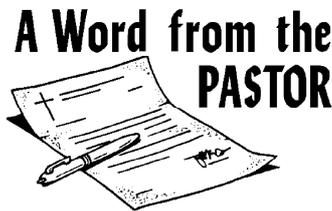
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PREPARATION SHIFTS TO HIGH GEAR AS LIGHTHOUSE ENTERS ANNIVERSARY MONTH

"...I have all, and abound: I am full, having received...from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God" (Phil 4:18).



WE HAVE TWO (2) WEEKS TO GO UNTIL THE 39th ANNIVERSARY AND SACRIFICIAL GIVING CELEBRATION ON MARCH 22!

The Apostle Paul's life was a representation of the ministry. He says in Gal 2:20, "...the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." And so, when he says in our text, "I have all, and abound: I am full..." those descriptions may well be the description of his ministry.

What led to this wonderful description of the ministry of Paul? It was, simply, the sacrificial giving of the Philippian church who sent "an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God."

It has always been such that God's people sacrificially supplied all the needs of His Work. We also see this in Ex 36:5-7 where the children of Israel sacrificially supplied the needed materials for the tabernacle, "And they spake unto Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the ser-

vice of the work, which the Lord commanded to make...for the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much."

Because of the sacrificial offering of the Philippian church, they were blessed with two things: first, fruit that abounded to their account (Phil 4:17). They became a fruitbearing church. Secondly, they were blessed with the famous words of the Apostle Paul, "...my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:19).

May we as a church of the Lord Jesus be also willing to offer to God a sweet-smelling sacrifice, acceptable and wellpleasing to Him in two weeks time. May God prepare all our hearts!



The Lighthouse Youth Fellowship choir as they do their share to host and present a program last Sunday.

**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)

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Special Lesson

TITLE : THE FRUITBEARING CHURCH

Text :

John 15:16, "...I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain..."

We review our lesson on the Fruitbearing Church as we enter our Anniversary month.

1) It is to fruitbearing where the Ekklesia is ordained.

John 15:16, "...I have chosen you, and ordained you...go and bring forth fruit..."
The Ekklesia has been chosen and ordained by Christ to bear fruit.

2) It is in fruitbearing where God is glorified

John 15:8, "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit..."

3) It is in fruitbearing where we show our identity as a people as a people of God.

Matt 7:16-20, "Ye shall know them by their fruits...Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."

4) It is in fruitbearing where we see God's care and dealing.

John 15:2, "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit."

5) It is to fruitbearing where our abiding in Christ leads.

John 15:4-5, "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me...He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

6) It is fruit-bearing which serves as the base upon which God answers our prayers.

John 15:16, "...go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."

7) It is in fruit-bearing where our being followers of Christ is established.

John 15:8, "bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples."

8) It is in fruitbearing where we should remain.

John 15:16, "...go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain..."

9) It is in fruitbearing where we realize His joy remains in us

John 15:11, "... These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full."

10) It is towards fruit-bearing that we sacrificially give to God and His Work.

Phil 4:14-17, "...ye have well done, that ye did communicate...with me as concerning giving and receiving...not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account."

May this lesson be in our hearts as we look forward and prepare for our 39th Anniversary and Sacrificial Giving Celebration.

1 Peter 2:5

"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."



Top photo, Pastor Bong Escala pauses as hundreds come forward to trust the Lord Jesus as Savior and Lord during the Foundation Day of Lighthouse BBC Cainta last week. Lower photo, their own Lighthouse Theater group during their finale.

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