



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

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**The Year of**  
**Fruitbearing**

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

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## WORKPLACE YOUNG PEOPLE TAKE THE LEAD IN TODAY'S SERVICES

"...I write unto you, young men...because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one" (1 John 2:13-14).

### A Word from the PASTOR



Today we recognize the leadership role of our young people in the workplace and commend them for their strength, their knowledge of God's Word and for their many victorious feat. It may be that in our text, only the young men are referred to by the Apostle John. But of course we take it that this address can both apply to young men and young women in our church, those who we refer in the Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church as the SWYP, meaning, Single Working Young People, also known as our Career young people. Today being our Career Sunday, it is the turn of our Single Working Young Men and Women to take the lead in our morning services and afternoon fellowship and service. They have invited their colleagues and officemates to our church so their Christian witness may be clearly manifested. This afternoon, they also will present themselves before everyone and demonstrate how they have grown in the knowledge of the Word of God. Three characteristics of the youth are cited in our text: their strength, the presence of God's Word in them, and their being victorious over the wicked one. And I pray that these characteristics are indeed found in our workplace people.

Strength can only be acquired through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus tells Paul in 2 Cor 12:9 that His grace is sufficient to fully and perfectly strengthen him even in his weakest condition. Isa 40:30-31 says, "Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength..." Indeed, we can only wait upon God's grace to pour upon us and strengthen us.

The presence of God's Word in the life of the young man makes him to be able to stand right before God. Ps 119:9 says, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word."

Put the grace of God and the Word of God in a young man and you will have one that stands like a fully armored person we find in Ephesian 6:11 who is "able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

I pray all these be in our SWYP!



The Household of Aquila and Priscilla illustrates the spiritual warfare through a boxing scene during last Sunday's fellowship time.

### 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 : INTRODUCTION TO THE EPISTLE TO THE PHILIPPIANS**

Philippians was one of Paul's "prison Epistles" like Ephesians and Colossians, though it was probably written some time later than the others. Tychicus carried the Colossian and Ephesian epistles while Philippians was taken to Philippi by Epaphroditus (2:25). It is more likely that Paul wrote Philippians during his house arrest at Rome (Acts 28:30) because of references to the "palace" and "Caesar's household" (1:13; 4:22).

**A) Background**

Paul founded the Philippian church during his second missionary journey (Acts 16:11-40). The believers at Philippi, the main city of Macedonia, had assisted in Paul's support while he was at Thessalonica and Corinth (4:15-16; 2 Cor 11:9). Upon hearing of his imprisonment, they sent Epaphroditus to Rome with another financial gift, which was probably what enabled Paul to live in his own rented house (Acts 28:30) rather than in jail. While in Rome, Epaphroditus became ill and nearly died (2:27). When he recovered, Paul used the occasion of his return to Philippi to send this letter, essentially a thank-you note for their gift.

**B) Writer**

**C) Date and Location**

Since Paul seemed confident of either acquittal or release from prison (1:19, 25; 2:24), he probably wrote Philippians toward the end of his time of house arrest, AD61, about a year after he wrote Ephesians and Colossians.

**D) Timeline**

- AD35: Paul's conversion
- AD51: Paul in Philippi on second missionary journey
- AD57: Paul in Philippi on third missionary journey.
- AD60-62: Paul imprisoned in Rome, writes Philippians.
- AD67: Paul martyred.

**E) Purpose of writing**

- 1) To thank the Philippian believers for their generous gift;
- 2) To address problems in the Philippian church, especially the disharmony between Euodia and Syntyche.
- 3) To refute the teachings of the Judaizers (3:1-3) and of some who were going to the opposite extreme (3:18-19).

**F) About the Philippian church**

The Philippian church began with Lydia and certain other women, and shortly afterwards included the Philippian jailer and his family (Acts 16). It soon became the church that gave the Apostle Paul more personal satisfaction than

any of the others, and his epistle reflects his deep love for them as cited in Phil 1:3-8; 4:1, 15-19, as well as his testimony concerning them in 2 Cor 8:1-5.

The letter to the Philippians does not reveal any serious problems in the church, in contrast to the problems in Corinth and Galatia, although here was a certain amount of disharmony that Paul seeks to correct (2:2-3; 4:1-3). he also warned them of any potential false teachers from the outside, and tried to encourage them in relation to the persecutions which were confronting them (3:2; 1:29).

**G) Keys**

- 1) Key chapter: Chapter 2, Christ the Believer's Pattern.
- 2) Key verse: 2:5.
- 3) Key Word: Joy (Rejoice)
- 4) Key phrase: Rejoice in the Lord.
- 5) Key thought: Christian Experience.

**H) Significant verses:**

- 1) Life's Purpose: "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (1:21)
- 2) Life's Pattern: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (2:5).
- 3) Life's Prize: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (3:14).
- 4) Life's Power: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (4:13).



Top photo, Pastor Reuben gives his message to the Bible Fellowship Baptist Church in Guisguis, Sariaya, Quezon during their 25th Anniversary last Sunday. Lower photo, Lighthouse volunteers lead the VBS held at the Agape Campsite in Amadeo, Cavite where some 26 children trusted Christ.

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