



"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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BBFPI1953 HOLDS ITS FIRST NATIONAL MEETING AT LIGHTHOUSE BBC IN NOVEMBER

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Ps 133:1).

A Word from the PASTOR



Less than a month from now, on November 4-6, the Lighthouse BBC will be hosting the First National Fellowship Meeting of the Baptist Bible Fellowship of the Philippines 1953, Inc. (BBFPI1953). It was in the year 2003 when also the Lighthouse BBC hosted the 50th Anniversary of the then BBFPI and thereafter, for more than 12 years, no national meeting was held anywhere.

The basic reason for the silence of the BBFPI for 12 years was because the lifetime of any corporation in the Philippines is 50 years. And because of some complications, the then BBFPI could not be revived.

Now, the original BBFPI continues its existence, but this time, with the year "1953" attached to the original name. This was necessary in order to make possible the attachment of all properties under its name.

The new BBFPI1953, Inc has for its primary purposes: 1) To encourage and strengthen members

through programs and activities; 2) To promote mutual aid and assistance thru financial, material and personnel support among its members; 3) To enhance cooperation among its members in their mission projects both local and abroad; 4) To enrich the education of its members through conferences, seminars, workshops, and the like; 5) To provide assistance to members in securing required legal documents, licenses, registrations, permits, and things related to it.

Its secondary purpose is to manage, hold, administer and act as successor-in-interest to all properties of the then BBFPI.

The vision for all these is for Bible Baptist pastors, missionaries and preachers to be able to work together in unity for the sake of the Gospel, missions and church planting.

Be much in prayer for the preparations being made for the coming national meeting.



The Lighthouse Youth point to the various virtues cited in Phil 4:8 as things which should occupy the minds of Christians.

Fourth Quarter Focus : Bearing the Fruits of Righteousness

"Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God" Phil 1:11).

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

TITLE : THE EXAMPLES THAT CHURCHES AND CHRISTIANS SHOULD HAVE
TEXT : PHIL 2:12-30

After discussing the example of the Lord Jesus, the Apostle Paul, in the continuing verses discusses the examples that Churches and Christians should be. He teaches how the Philippian church should be and cites the examples of Timothy and Epaphroditus.

A) The example of the church (vs 12-18).

As obedient people of God, "work out" the salvation which we have with fear and trembling (v12-18)

a) Acknowledge how He works in the lives of those in the Ekklesia (v13)

b) Acknowledge what gives Him pleasure, satisfaction and delight. (v13).

What things give God pleasure?

- When his people are blameless and harmless (v15).

1 Thess 5:23, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

- When His people live lives as true children of God (v15).

Matt 5:48, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

Matt 5:44-45, "...Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to

them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven..."

- When His people live without rebuke (v15).

Eph 5:27, "That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." See also 2 Pet 3:14.

- When His people shine as lights in the midst of a crooked and perverse society (v15).

Matt 5:14-16, "Ye are the light of the world...Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

- When His people consistently and faithfully hold forth the Word of Life (v16)

Phil 1:27, "...let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ...stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel..."

These things both give God pleasure and they are cited as things which gives rejoicing to the Apostle Paul. (v16)

B) The example of Timothy (vs 19-24).

Timothy had a long and intimate contact with the Philippian church. See Acts 16:3; 17:14,15; 19:22; 20:3,4; Phil 2:19-23).

a) Concerning the Philippian church, Timothy was a shepherd.

Phil 2:20, "...I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state."

b) Concerning the Apostle, Timothy was a son. Phil 2:22, "...ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father..."

c) Concerning the Gospel, Timothy was a servant.

Phil 2:22, "...he hath served with me in the gospel."

C) The example of Epaphroditus (vs 25-30).

Epaphroditus was a Gentile believer from Philippi. His name means "charming." He had been sent by the Philippian church to minister to Paul and bring him their offering.

a) His service. He is referred to as

- "My brother," indicating they were bound by a common love.

- "My companion in labour," indicating that they were bound by a common work.

- "My fellowsoldier," indicating they were bound by a common danger.

b) His sickness. Phil 2:27, "...he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him..."

c) His sorrow. Phil 2:26, "...he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick."

d) His honor and reputation. Phil 2:29, "Receive him therefore in the Lord...and hold such in eputation."

e) His sacrifice. Phil 2:30, "Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life..."



Top photo, Roberto Jose "RJ" Manaos and Zeus Raytana lead in reciting Bible verses in support of the virtues which should occupy the minds of Christians. Lower photo, Pastor Reuben visits the Lumad Tribe in Punta Engano in Mactan, Cebu to launch a project of the Friendship Builders.

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